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HOW LONDON HAS CHANGED.

LESS BEER DRUNK BUT MORE TOBACCO SMOKED.

CITIZENS ARE MORE SOBER, HEALTHIER AND BRAINIER.

Here are a few things about that
amazing city London which will
amaze even Londoners.

To-day the Londoner drinks ap-
proximately only half as much
beer as he did forty years ago—
but smokes twice as much to-
bacco.

Ten times as many people are
killed on the streets, but 40 per
cent. fewer people die natural
deaths.

The highwayman "thug" is
almost extinct, and his place has
been taken by the monocled cheat.

But—just as much soot falls on
the City every year!

There are only a few of the
remarkable facts in a new book,
"Forty Years of Change," in which
Sir Hubert Llewellyn Smith, former-
ly Chief Economic Adviser to the
Government, and other experts put
London under the microscope.

They have spent two years hold-
ing a post-mortem on the City which
has changed and died a lingering
death during the past forty years.

Improved Conditions.

Conditions of living among the
working classes have greatly im-
proved, and investigations show
that the average working man earns
a third more than he did a genera-
tion ago. He also works an hour

a day less.

The unskilled worker's wages have
increased twice as much as the skill-
ed worker's.

The cinema, greyhound racing,
and the "baby" motor-car have
each been partly responsible for
making London more temperate.

For every ten glasses of beer a
man drank in 1891 he now drinks
only six glasses, which contain only
half the alcohol. More than half
the retail price of beer, nearly 7d.
in the lb. is represented by tax-
ation.

Smoking among all classes has
more than doubled, and four times
as much money is spent on tobacco.
Taxation takes approximately 8d.
of every shilling spent on tobacco.

When London was content to
travel in horse-drawn omnibuses,
hansom cabs, and "growlers,"
fewer than 200 people were killed
in street accidents in a year, but
now the figure is nearly 2,000.

An important chapter in the book
deals with education.

London of the gay 'nineties was
a semi-literate city, when half
London's parents had received no
education. To-day 85 per cent. of
parents have been to school.

No teacher to-day has a class with
more than thirty-six children on an
average, but in the old days they
had sixty children and more in a
class.

Death Rate Lower.

The death rate has fallen nearly
40 per cent., or from 30 per thou-
sand in 1890-4 to 13 per cent. in
1924-28. Infant deaths have drop-
ped from 131 to 68 per thousand
of the population. The birth rate
in London is now lower, however,
than anywhere else.

London's unemployment situation
is curious, for up to 1929 the rate
of unemployment was only a little
higher than it had been thirty years
ago.

Many more people, however, are
in receipt of Poor Law relief, and
the attitude of the public towards
drawing this relief has changed,
for little or no stigma now attaches
to the application for Poor Law
relief.

Crimes of violence have shrunk
considerably, but classes of fraud
which were unheard of a generation
ago have sprung up, and experts
declare that London is only a little
more honest, and that the standard
of sexual morality is actually lower.

Experts are extremely dissatisfied
with the progress made in forty
years, with the abatement of the
smoke evil, which is a principal in-
gredient of a Londoner's Particulars,
or "pea soup" fog.

Forty thousand tons of soot are
deposited on the face of London
every year!

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day,
(January 1, 1931.)

New Year's Day.
Queen's Theatre: "In Gay
Madrid."
World Theatre: "Love on the
Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "Rejuvenation of
Aunt Mary."
Central Theatre: "Honey."
Majestic Theatre: "The Divine
Lady."

Football: Services v. The Rest,
Sookunpo, 3.30 p.m.
European Mail:—Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Tatsuta Maru)
8.30 a.m.

Friday,
(January 2.)

Queen's Theatre: "In Gay
Madrid."
World Theatre: "Love on the
Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "Chasing Thru
Europe."
Central Theatre: "Honey."

Majestic Theatre: "The Divine
Lady."
Boxing—H.K. Boxing Associa-
tion Tournament (City Hall), 9.15
p.m.
Cricket—Division I: Civil Ser-
vice v. Indian R.O. (L.); H.K.O.O.
v. Navy (F.); Division II: Rectorie
v. H.K.O.O. (L.); Indian R.O. v.
Civil Service (L.); Police v. Royal

Majestic Theatre: "The Divine
Lady."
European Mail:—Inward: Europe
via Suez (Comorin); Europe via
Siberia (Ranchi). Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Comorin), 2.30
p.m.

Saturday,
(January 3.)

Queen's Theatre: "In Gay
Madrid."
World Theatre: "Love on the
Lake" Part 2 (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "Chasing Thru
Europe."
Central Theatre: "Honey."
Majestic Theatre: "The Divine
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Civil Service (L.); Police v. Royal

Signals (L.); University v. Kow-
loon O.C. (F.); R.A.S.C. v. Dioc-
esan Boys' School (F.).
Football—First Division: Royal
Artillery v. Navy, Chinese v. Club,
Police v. Highlanders, Rectorie v.
S. China, Kowloon v. St. Joseph's.
Second Division: Navy v. High-
landers, Borderers v. St. Joseph's,
University v. Club, Eastern v. Chi-
nese, Rectorie v. S. China, Kowloon
v. Royal Artillery. Third Divi-
sion: Borderers v. R.A.S.C., Fukien
v. Royal Engineers, R.A.O.C. v. S.
China, Royal Air Force v. Chinese.
European Mail:—Outward:
Europe via Marseilles (Ranchi), 10
a.m.

Sunday,
(January 4.)

Queen's Theatre: "Fox Follies of
1830."
World Theatre: "Making The
Grade."
Star Theatre: "Not Quite
Decent."
Central Theatre: "Honey."

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- 8.—Roast Potatoes
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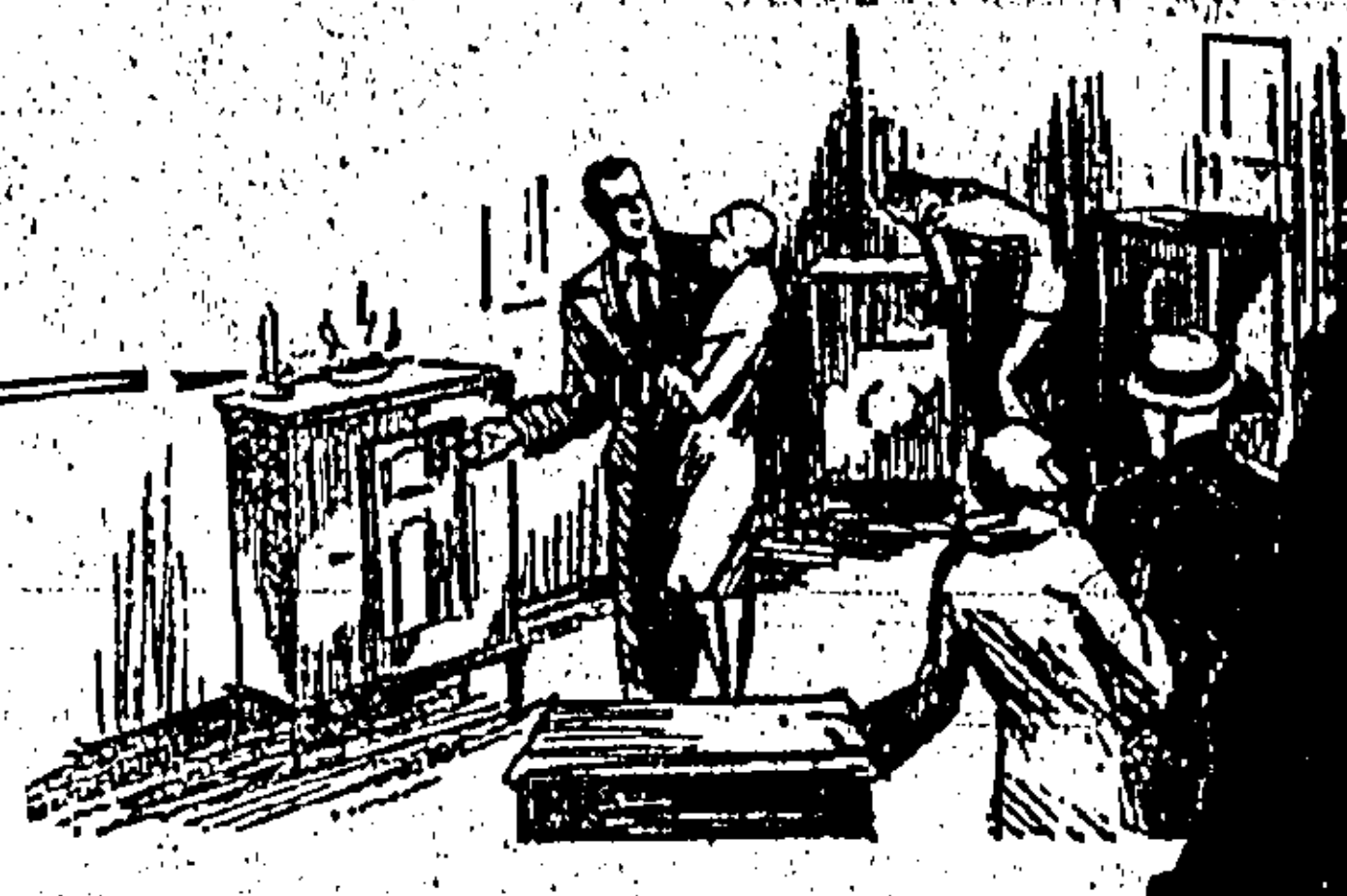
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RADIO FEATURES



THE GENTLE ART OF WIRING

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS IN SET BUILDING.

WELL SOLDERED JOINTS IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.

The solder, the flux and the wire must be considered. Perhaps the use of flux had better be explained, since quite a few constructors try to solder without it! Flux is required to dissolve the oxides present on the surface of the metal,

and to assist the solder to run freely into minute pores of the metal. These are several very efficient flux pastes on the market, under various proprietary names. Be sure you get a good-quality flux, since this has a lot to do with the success of soldering.

The solder, which is used to bind together the wires of the set, is also available in many varieties; for radio sets the blow-pipe solder is best. It possesses a low melting point and has the advantage of hardening quickly after the iron is removed from the joint. A convenient way to buy wire is in 2ft. straight lengths of No. 6 gauge, square or round, tinned-copper.

In wiring up a set a good procedure to follow is roughly as follows:—First place the soldering iron on a lighted gas-ring or in the red-hot coal of a fire. Whilst waiting for the iron to heat up, all the soldering tags and other points of contact are smeared lightly with flux. Care must be taken not to use too much flux. A match is handy for applying flux to the joints. The next part of the process often bothers constructors as they do not know when the iron is hot enough, or rather at the right temperature. One way of judging this is to see if a small green flame is burning round the copper-bit. On no account let the iron get red-hot. Draw the iron from its source of heat and quickly clean the copper-bit with a file, then place the copper-bit in some flux; when it should sizzle if it is hot enough withdraw it and apply some solder. If it is hot enough the solder will run on to the bit and form a bright surface.

The prepared tip of the iron should now be rubbed lightly on each of the soldering tags or points of contact; if they are clean the solder will immediately run and form small blobs. At this point always wipe away any excess of flux. It is possible that you may experience a little difficulty in the process of tinning, but a little practice soon makes easy what is really a simple operation.

A Useful Tip.

Here is a good way of straightening a piece of wire: Insert one end of the wire in a vice and firmly grip the other end with long-nosed pliers. Exert a gentle pull on the wire until you feel a slight "give," you will then find the wire perfectly straight.

The shaping of the various wires involves fairly accurate guessing. If possible every bend should be a right-angle. Decide upon the wire you intend to connect up and fix in your mind the directions you will have to take. Select a straight length of wire and hold it above the first point of contact; mark off the distance this wire can make in a straight line. At some point it will be necessary to bend the wire to avoid some component; grip the wire with long-nosed pliers and lift it clear of the set; then holding the pliers in the right hand bend the wire against the side of the jaws with the thumb of the left hand to make a right angle.

Replace the wire in position, decide which way it must bend next, and hold with pliers and repeat the bending process. Continue until the wire has completed its run and then cut off the shaped portion from the total, leaving about an inch to spare. This will allow for any slight inaccuracy.

Now place both ends of the wire in position and complete the operation by soldering the wires to the components. A 45° square is very useful for checking the accuracy of angles, a faulty angle throws out the whole appearance of the set. Each succeeding wire length is treated as explained and with a little patience the result will be a neat and efficient set.

HAVE YOU HEARD THESE?

Here are lists of long-wave and short-wave stations which should be picked up by anyone in Hong Kong who has a moderately good set suitable for receiving such signals. Success in picking up these stations also depends very largely upon favourable atmospheric conditions. Readers are invited to add to this list should they succeed in picking up any station not included in either of these lists.

LONG-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave Length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo-cycle
260	Manila	K.Z.I.B.	1,163
277	Shanghai	K.S.M.S.	1,088
280	Tientsin	C.R.O.	1,070
310	Shanghai	K.R.C.	967
320	Peking	C.O.P.K.	945
345	Tokyo	J.O.A.K.	870
353	Hiroshima	J.O.F.K.	850
358	Hong Kong	Z.B.W.	846
387	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
381	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
384	Kobe	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.C.K.	810
370.4	Calcutta	V.U.O.	806.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	790
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
395	Dairen	J.D.A.K.	760
398	Rangoon	V.U.R.	754
400	Canton	J.O.B.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	733
413	Manila	K.Z.R.M.	723

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave Length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo Cycle	Time (Hong Kong) of Working
67.65	Dobitz (Germany)	A.F.K.	4,434	Mon., Wed. & Fri., 6 p.m. & 2 a.m.
60.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	R.A.97.	4,990	6-10 p.m.
60.7	Nauen	A.G.J.	5,204	Not regular
60.7	Moscow	E.F.N.	6,000	Tues., Thurs., Sat., 8 p.m.
60.7	Lomo	1.M.A.	6,806	Sunday midnight
42.5	Perth	G.A.G.	7,142	Daily 6.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
41.3	Singapore	V.S.I.A.B.	7,210	Not regular
38.8	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	7,730	Daily 11 p.m.
37.1	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.4.P.J.	8,163	Tues. & Fri., 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
32.1	Sydney	S.B.L.	9,350	Not regular
31.55	Mohamoud	S.L.O.	9,503	Not regular
31.48	Schomede	W.Z.X.A.F.	9,530	Daily 7 a.m.
31.20	Elmhoven (Holland)	P.C.J.	9,620	Fri. 3 a.m., Sat. 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
31.23	Sydney	S.B.C.	9,690	Not regular
31.1	Nairobi (Kenya)	T.L.O.	9,677	Midnight daily
25.5	Sydney	S.B.C.	10,630	Not regular
27.8	London	P.L.E.	11,020	Midnight—3 a.m. daily
26.53	Chelmsford (England)	S.B.W.	11,751	7.30 p.m. & 8 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
24.5	Manila	K.I.X.B.	12,240	Nightly
23.35	Schomede	W.Z.X.O.	12,850	4 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
18.88	Bandong	P.L.C.	16,102	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
16.4	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	18,304	Daily 7 p.m.
17.4	Bandong	P.L.F.	17,280	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
16.9	Bangkok	H.S.I.P.J.	17,761	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
16.3	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.K.	18,404	Each afternoon
16.74	Bandong	P.L.E.	18,220	Daily 2.30—7 p.m.
16.6	Nancy (France)	P.L.E.	19,361	Daily 8 a.m.
13.99	Pittsburg	W.S.X.K.	21,540	Not regular

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SMOKING IN THEATRES.

CENSOR'S SHOCK FOR MANAGERS.

The Lord Chamberlain threw a bombshell among the theatre managers last month when they went down to St. James' Palace, as they always do once a year, to receive their annual licences personally, and to be told by the Lord Chamberlain what is in his mind about their theatres or their plays.

Lord Cromer announced that in future smoking would be prohibited in all theatres under his control except those where a musical comedy or a revue is being acted.

"People have been writing in complaining," he said.

Until 1915 smoking was barred in all theatres under the Lord Chamberlain's direction. You could smoke in a music-hall or a picture palace, but not in a theatre.

Then, when "Shell Out" was produced at the Comedy in 1915, application was made for the right to smoke. Soldiers wanted it. The Lord Chamberlain then said that theatres could allow smoking if they applied to him for permission. Some did so. Since then each individual manager has decided for himself.

Indeed, smoking was allowed at—

The Cambridge,
The Duke of York's,
The Gaiety,
The Garrick,
The Hippodrome,
The Kingsway,
The Lyceum,
The Prince Edward,
The Prince's,
The Shaftesbury,
The Strand,
The Whitehall,
The Winter Garden.

The others bar smoking. Although some of them have allowed smoking at odd times—the Palace, which now stages an operette, usually allows smoking, but bars it now—the Haymarket and the St. James' have always barred smoking. His Majesty's where it is not allowed now, had smoking when the Co-Optimists were there.

Some theatres vary in their policy when a new management go in.

The straight plays during which smoking is now allowed are "On the Spot," "Her First Affair," "Almost a Honeymoon," "Wooden Shoes," "The House of Danger," "Oh, Daddy," "It's a Boy," and "The Way to Treat a Woman."

Deciding Factor.

When these runs have finished, smoking will not be allowed in the theatres where they are now acted—that is, unless music accompanies the play.

Why music should be the deciding factor, no one knows.

There will be a violent discussion about this new rule. Some managers will regard it as another blow to their much harassed industry, and will say that it is giving the talkies another advantage over them.

Anyway, the King and Queen never go to a theatre where there is smoking. Since the King's illness, this seems to have been an absolute rule.

On the other hand, the Queen of Spain, when she went to a London theatre one night, thanked the manager for a box of cigarettes and smoked one of them during the performance. The Prince of Wales always smokes where it is allowed.

"Thank heaven you can smoke here," people often say when they enter a theatre. They seldom complain because there is smoking.

When smoking is allowed, the audience go back to their seats much more punctually than they do where it is barred. They also arrive at the theatre much earlier, because they do not linger over their after-dinner cigars.

Americans, particularly, welcome smoking in London theatres, for it is barred all over America. Continental visitors often express gratitude when they are allowed to smoke in London, for they can never do it in a theatre at home.

There are almost more women than men.

Usually, the Lord Chamberlain talks to theatre managers about "policy," and the minor problems that are always confronting him.

He issued this order. It fell like a bomb.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



MYSTERIOUS BEHAVIOR OF EDDIE SELZER, WHO WITH THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN IN EIGHT SUDDENLY TURNED STRAIGHT-ARMED HIS WAY THROUGH HIS OWN TEAM CROSSED HIS OWN GOAL LINE, AND DISAPPEARED INTO HIS BACK DOOR, AUTOMATICALLY ENDING THE GAME BY CARRYING THE FOOTBALL WITH HIM, ONLY WHEN THE TEAM SAW MR. SELZER COMING DOWN THE STREET AND REMEMBERED THAT EDDIE HAD JOINED THE GAME ON HIS WAY HOME FROM DANCING SCHOOL WITHOUT STOPPING TO CHANGE HIS BLUE SERGE SUIT, WERE HIS ACTIONS EXPLAINED

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GLUYAS WILLIAMS

AN ENORMOUS INDUSTRY.

HOW BRITISH BROADCASTING HAS GROWN.

When one contemplates the enormous industry that has been built up through the development of wireless, it is somewhat surprising to note that the first British programmes were broadcast only eight years ago. Before that wireless was mainly confined to mercantile and commercial uses. Then the British Broadcasting Company started with a staff of three persons in one small room. Now it has grown into a huge corporation, working under a special Government charter, employing one thousand persons in its various stations. In the industry itself 300,000 persons are employed, and apart from that it affects no fewer than thirty-two other industries, including timber, leather, rubber, cotton, metal and chemicals.

Eight years ago the value of the trading done in wireless apparatus was £150,000, this year it will be £15,000,000; while the number of wireless licences issued has increased from 32,000 to 3,505,000. During the past year the number of wireless-set owners increased at the average rate of ten thousand a month. This increased demand led to the construction of six first class factories, with an added employment roll of 20,000. Meanwhile, wireless-receiving-sets are being continually improved and prices reduced. One expert estimates that for one pound to-day better value can be got than for five pounds five years ago. The effect of this increased interest in wireless and in broadcasting upon national education and character must be very great indeed.

BRIDE BURIED IN WEDDING DRESS. FIANCE COLLAPSES AT GRAVESIDE.

There were pathetic scenes at the funeral, at Mitcham, recently, of Miss Winifred Gladys Block, of Queen's Road, Mitcham, who died from heart failure the day before her wedding was to take place.

Miss Block was buried in her wedding dress of white satin, with her wedding bouquet, and was wearing both the engagement and wedding rings.

A photograph of her sweetheart was placed in the coffin.

Just as the service at the graveside had concluded Mr. Albert Charles Davis, the 23-year-old bereaved bridegroom, collapsed, and had to be carried to the mourning coach.

The police had to force their way through a densely packed crowd of between four and five thousand.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Grove, who had arranged to perform the marriage ceremony at the parish church.

NEW YEAR WIRELESS PROGRAMMES.

DANCE MUSIC TO-NIGHT.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme.

1.30 p.m.—Weather report and local time.

2 p.m.—Close down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese studio concert.

7 p.m.—European programme of Columbia records selected and supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-9 p.m.—

Orchestral: "Light Cavalry Overture" (Suppe)—Court Symphony Orchestra.

Band: "Valse Croire" (Tschakowsky)—H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Band: "Barcarolle" (Tschakowsky)—H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Band: "Tangredi Overture" (Rossini)—H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Band: "Ruy Blas Overture" (Mendelssohn)—H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Band: "Wembley Military Tattoo"—H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Octette: "Memories of Chopin" (arr. Willoughby)—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.

Octette: "Putting the Clock Back" (arr. J. H. Squire)—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.

Octette: "Invitation to the Valse" (Weber)—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.

Octette: "Chant Sans Parole" (Tschakowsky)—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.

Orchestral: "Sanctuary of the Heart" (A. Ketelbey)—A. Ketelbey's Orchestra.

Orchestral: "L'Estudiantina" (Waldteufel)—Jacques Jacob's Ensemble.

Orchestral: "España" (Waldteufel)—Jacques Jacob's Ensemble.

Orchestral: "The Danes Rose Selections" (Chopin)—Court Symphony Orchestra.

Orchestral: "Melodious Memories" (Pot-Pourri) (arr. Finck)—Regal Cinema Orchestra (by special request).

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.

9.5-12 p.m.—Dance programme.

God Save the King.

12 p.m.—close down.

FRIDAY.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme.

1.30 p.m.—Local time, weather report and Rugby Press news.

2 p.m.—Close down.

2 p.m.—Chinese programme.

9 p.m.—Dr. K. S. Shin, M.B., B.S., Chinese lecture on "Infants Welfare."

7 p.m.—European programme of Victor records selected and supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

Band Selections.

7-7.35 p.m.—

Serenade (R. Drigo)—Rossi Band.

"The Flower of Italy" (De Stefano)—Rossi Band.

"Don't Be Cross" (C. Zeller)—Arthur Pryor's Band.

"The Jolly Coppermith" (Peters)—Arthur Pryor's Band.

"The Chimes of Liberty March" (E. F. Goldman)—Arthur Pryor's Band.

"Sagamore March" (E. F. Goldman)—Arthur Pryor's Band.

"Sabre and Spurs" (John P. Sousa)—Sousa's Band.

"Solid Men to the Front" (John P. Sousa)—Sousa's Band.

"Colossus of Columbus" (Alexander)—Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's Band.

"Pagentry" (Karl King)—Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's Band.

Variety.

7.35-8.30 p.m.—

Orchestral: "The Man I Love" (from Strike up the Band)—Victoria Salon Orchestra.

Vocal Duet: "Long Gone" (Smith-Hardy)—T. B. Halo and E. J. Dorry, Jr.

Actual Recording of Birds: "Dawn in An Old World Garden."

Actual Recording of Birds: "A Nightingale."

Humorous Song: "The Substitute Parson (Solo)—Chic Sale."

Song: "For Sweethearts Only" (Lerner-Hurley-Cantor)—Gene Austin (tenor).

Piano Solo: "Sweet Savannah Sue" (from Connie's Hot Chocolates)—Thomas Waller.

Piano Solo: "Ain't Misbehavin'" (from Connie's Hot Chocolates)—Thomas Waller.

Chorus: "Sing Something Simple" (Herman Hupfeld)—The Revelers.

Accordian Solo: Beautiful Days (Giorni)—Mario Perry.

Male Quartet: "Will You Love Me As You Do In May?"—Shannon Quartet.

Male Quartet: "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" (Maud Nugent)—Shannon Quartet.

Song: "My Tough and Rowdy Ways" (Bogers-McWilliam)—Jimmie Rogers.

Orchestral: "Honey-suckle"—Waino Kauppi and his Suomi Orchestra.

8.30-9 p.m.—Violin Solo: "Concerto in E Minor" (Mendelssohn)—F. Kreisler.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.

Operatic.

9.5-9.50 p.m.—

"Was March of the Priests" (Mendelssohn)—Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

"Coronation March" (Meyerbeer)—Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

Barber of Seville: "A Little Voice Hear" (Rossini)—Madam Galli-Curci (soprano).

The Bohemian Girl: "The Heart Bow'd Down" (Balle)—Clarence Whitehill (baritone).

Africana: "O! Paradise" (Meyerbeer)—Benjamin Gigli (tenor).

Lohengrin's Narrative: "In Distant Lands" (Wagner)—Richard Crooks.

The Bohemian Girl: "Then You'll Remember Me" (Balle)—Max Sonnambula.

Sonnambula: "Could I Believe" (Bellini)—Marion Talley (soprano).

Sonnambula: "Oh Recall Not One Earthly Sorrow" (Marion Talley (soprano)).

(Continued at foot of next column.)

THE SILVER SCREEN.

HONEY.

Each of the five songs featured in "Honey," the musical romance starring Nancy Carroll, which comes to the Central Theatre to-day, was written by W. Frank Harling and Sam Coslow, members of Paramount's studio musical staff.

"Harling is the composer of two American operas in jazz rhythm which caused a furore in musical circles in New York—"Deep River" and "The Light From St. Agnes." Sam Coslow is a member of the music publishing firm of Spier and Coslow. He has composed a great number of successful popular songs.

The leading song of the group in "Honey" is in "My Little Hope Chest." It is a love-theme classified as a "sweet" melody. Miss Carroll sings the song three times in the production.

The other numbers are sung and repeated several times—"Sing-You Sinners," "I Don't Need Atmosphere to Fall in Love With You," "Let's be Domestic," and "What is this Power I Have?"

"Honey" is based on the novel and play by Alice Duer Miller and A. E. Thomas. Known to theatre-goers as "Come Out of the Kitchen," the stage production has been one of America's most popular comedies. With the addition of the Harling and Coslow music it makes a well-rounded film romance.

"MOVIETONE FOLLIES."

Popularity has its drawbacks, especially if you are a handsome young bachelor, according to the experience of William Collier, Jr., leading man in "The New Movietone Follies of 1930," coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

"Buster" Collier has been reported engaged at least fifty times and always to a different girl. Being a gentleman, he has never made a flat denial. Whenever newspaper people have asked him about his plan to marry some one or other, he has politely referred them to the young lady in the case and let her do the denying.

Collier has always taken his reported engagements in good temper. Recently, he was reported engaged to an actress, he had met only once in his life and old enough to be his mother. Win. Collier, Sr., when asked about the report, laughed and said: "Oh, no, you heard wrong. It's me she's going to marry." Others in "The New Movietone Follies of 1930" cast include El Brendel, Marjorie White, Frank Richardson, Noel Francis and Miriam Seegar, Benjamin Stoloff directed the production.

NORMA SHEARER'S NEW CONTRACT.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announce that Norma Shearer has signed a new long-term contract and is to star only in M-G-M pictures. Miss Shearer, who is extremely popular with local movie fans, is starring in Let Us Be Gay which is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre in the near future.

Organ Solos.

9.50-10.10 p.m.—

"Indian Love Call" (from Rose Marie)—Jesse Crawford.

"Serenade" (from the Student Prince in Heidelberg)—Jesse Crawford.

"Barcelona" (Kahn-Evans)—Jesse Crawford.

"Hello, Aloha! How Are You?" (Gilbert Bauer)—Jesse Crawford.

"How Am I to Know?" (from Dynamite)—Jesse Crawford.

10.10-10.30 p.m.—

Orchestral: "Raymond Overture" (Thomas)—Victor Symphony Orchestra.

Piano Solo: "Nocturne in E Flat Major" (Chopin)—Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Piano Solo: "Minuet" (Paderowski)—Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Spring Song" (Mendelssohn)—Victor Concert Orchestra.

God Save the King.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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MISS THAT MEAL.

WHEN LESS FOOD MEANS
BETTER HEALTH.

Dr. Anderson, Medical Officer
of Health for Doncaster, writes
on behalf of the Central Council
for Health Education.

If there is one thing more than
another for which a cure is desired
it is indigestion, some remedy which
will infallibly relieve the many dis-
comfort which indigestion in one
or other of its various forms entails
and which will allow the person to
consume anything with impunity.

Unfortunately, there is no univer-
sal panacea, and what is useful in
one type of disease may only tend
to make matters worse in another.
The causes of indigestion are many
and varied and the accompanying
results present widely different
symptoms.

With the causes or symptoms of
indigestion I do not intend to deal,
but to suggest something which will,
in the great majority of cases, be
the means of obtaining consider-
able relief even if a permanent cure
is not always effected. The cure, if
it can be called, is a simple one,
so simple that many will
hesitate to put it to the test, even
although its immediate results are
freedom from discomfort or the
alleviation of pain.

Seeking Cures.

Medicines of any kind rarely cure
indigestion. They may relieve, but
will do little or nothing to effect
a cure unless attended with care in
dietary, not only in the amount but
in the quality of the foodstuffs
eaten. Drugs, purgative or aperient
medicines may remove indigestible
matter that is acting as a poison and
occasioning much discomfort, but
they will not aid digestion and
enable subsequent meals to be taken
with impunity.

Digestive and tonic medicines, the
former of which act upon foodstuffs
and render them easily acted upon
by the digestive juices, and the
latter, which have a stimulating
and strengthening action on the
glands which secrete their juices,
are of considerable importance and
tend to bring about a cure in time.

What, then, is the best line of
treatment to be adopted, and, if
adopted, to produce results which
will procure not only improved
general health, but freedom from
indigestion? In one word, it is rest,
Simple and complete rest, not of
the body as a whole, but of the
various parts which are concerned
in digestion.

All organs of the body require
rest, and the digestive organs are
no exception to the rule. The great
muscular system by which all volun-
tary movement is effected affords
the simplest proof of necessity of
rest. If rest is not given its action
becomes impaired.

Muscular tissue is not confined to
the muscles which can be volun-
tarily called into action, but is
found in many of the internal
organs of the body. Muscular tissue
has a most important influence in
connection with digestion, entering
into the construction of the coats
of the stomach and intestine and
by the contraction of its fibres
setting up the peristaltic movement
in the former which is necessary for
the churning of the food, rendering
it easy of digestion, and for its en-
trance into the intestines, where
muscular action again takes it in
hand, carrying it onward, and finally
causing its waste products to be
discharged. If this delicate mus-
cular structure becomes overtaxed
indigestion and constipation are the
inevitable sequence.

Harmful "Snacks."

As with the muscles, so it is
with the millions of glands which
are embedded in the coils of the
digestive organs. Called too fre-
quently into action they do their
utmost to respond, but sooner or
later they are bound to fail, and in-
digestion results.

For this reason the importance of
allowing a sufficient time to elapse
between meals is apparent and
should be implicitly obeyed, but
how often do we find that sufferers
from indigestion appear to feel that
it is necessary that the stomach
should be kept continually in ac-
tion by "snacks" between meals,
by taking food at any and every
season, with the object of promot-
ing strength on the theory that
little and often must prove bene-
ficial in their case. There can be
no greater mistake.

Rest, sufficient rest, must be given
for the stomach not only to digest
the previous meal, but to allow its
muscles and its glands to recover
tonic and strength to enable them to
deal with the succeeding one.

Too Many Meals.

Apart from allowing sufficient
time for digestion, it is also a wise
precaution, and in some cases of
dyspepsia an essential one, to con-
siderably prolong this period of
rest. Many chronic dyspeptics have
obtained great relief from this action
of a meal, by doing without
food for a considerable length of
time, until the actual feeling of
hunger proclaims that not only does
the body demand food, but that the
stomach is ready to receive it.

ESCAPE IN PYJAMAS.

KEEPERS TRUSSED BY
LUNATICS.

CAR CHASE THROUGH NEW
YORK.

New York.—Six criminal lunatics
are at large in New York following
their escape from Matteawan Hos-
pital recently.

The most dangerous among them
is Harry Gordon, called the "mad
butcher," who was committed to the
institution after he had killed two
rival butchers. He read in court
passages from the Old Testament
and Hebrew books to prove his
"divine right to kill persons not
fit to live."

The six escaped after three accom-
plishes from outside, armed with
guns, had raided the institution,
tying up the keepers.
Considerable alarm was created
in the city as a car containing the
lunatics swiftly outdistanced the
State troopers sent in pursuit, and
the police are now hunting the men
in quarters where it is thought they
might be seeking former friends.

Burglar Leads Raid.

The leader of the raiding party
was William Nelson, a burglar, who
himself escaped from Matteawan
some time ago, and among the men
he liberated was a pyromaniac
known as Firebug Al.

Nelson was familiar with the
routine and the raid was so success-
ful that, had he wished, he might
have turned loose the whole 1,170
inmates. When all the keepers were
overpowered and trussed, however,
he called a roll of his friends and
refused to take any others but these
six.

Within 15 minutes of the escape,
State troopers and police of the
towns between the hospital and
New York were notified that a
speeding car with a crew of insane
criminals was on the road. It dash-
ed furiously through Peekskill, nar-
rowly escaping turning over at a
sharp corner, and the motor police
in pursuit were unable to overtake
it.

Once the chasers were in sight of
the car, when it stopped on a steep
hill, but the lunatics in bare feet
and pyjamas leapt out and pushed
it over the crest. After that the
car was lost sight of.

One of the most desperate of the
escaped lunatics, Frank Vanderkuy-
len, known as "the mad killer,"
appeared at the home of his third
wife, in West Fifty-Third Street,
in the heart of New York and begged
her to harbour him. She in terror,
refused, and notified the police.
Vanderkuylen then vanished.

He had been sent to Matteawan
originally following the killing of
women by throwing acid.
Matteawan is the institution from
which Harry Thaw made his sensa-
tional escape 17 years ago.

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Nature—and this had given rise to
the opinion that the way things
happened—or the laws of Nature—were
necessarily invariable, and that
there were no exceptions.

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used in the scientific sense, we
meant an exact statement of the
way things happen, as observed by
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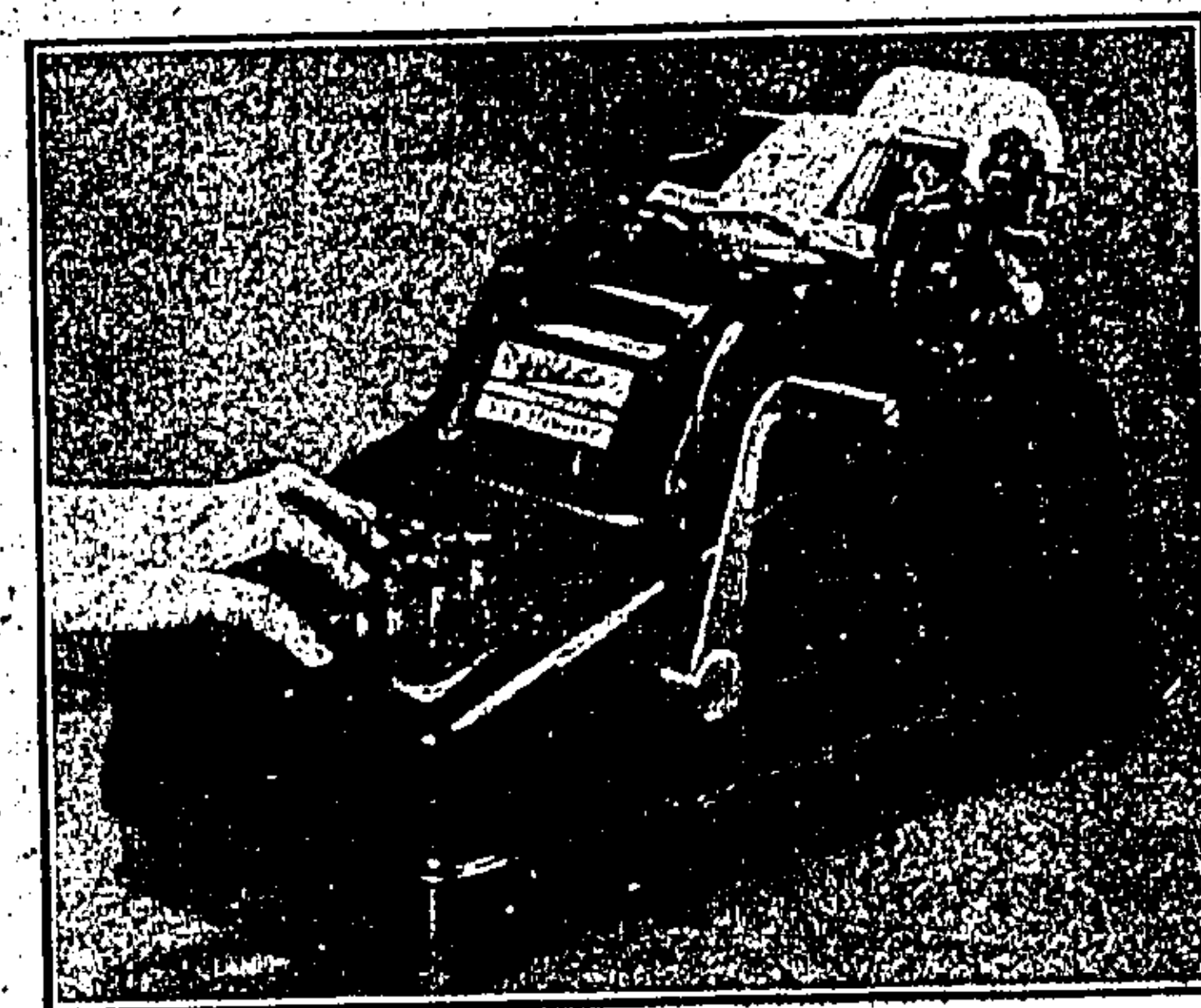
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WOMAN FINDS LOST TRIBE.

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DANTS OF CHALDEANS.

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there is a mysterious tribe of people
living in caves and having no con-
tact with civilisation. Little is
known about them except that they
are, according to the inscriptions
on their caves, of Chaldean origin.
Their years are nine months long,
and many of them are 150 "years"
old.

The Chaldean race occupied a
large area in the neighbourhood of
what is now as Iraq, or Mesopo-
tania.

The tribe was discovered nine
years ago by Miss Jill Cossley-Batt,
an explorer-author and scientist,
when "vagabonding" through
China and the East.

Miss Cossley-Batt was at a dis-
advantage then because she had
little or no knowledge of the Chal-
dean language, but she spent some
time among the tribe, and made
some remarkable discoveries.

Graduate of London.

Now, in collaboration with Dr.
Irvine Baird, of Montreal, Miss
Cossley-Batt is setting out on an-
other expedition to rediscover this
mysterious tribe.

Miss Cossley-Batt, who is a gradu-
ate of London and Oxford universi-
ties, in an interview, told the story
of her discovery of these strange
Chaldeans.

"I travelled on my own, but met
some priests who eventually led me
to these people. They live at an
altitude of 13,000 feet, and dwell in
caves. According to the manuscript
at Peking they are of Aryan stock,
but the inscriptions on their caves
leave no doubt that they are Chal-
deans."

"The thing that amazed me
about these people was that, even
according to our year of twelve
months, some of them are more
than 100 years old. They are un-
usually good specimens of the race,
and the women, many of them
seventy or more years old, are
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LONDON'S LUXURY
HOTELS."PALACES" TO COST
MILLIONS.

Modern luxury hotels costing millions of pounds will take their place in the contour of new London during the next three years.

There is now hotel accommodation in London for 100,000 visitors, and that will be shortly increased another 3,000.

One of these modern palaces is nearing completion in Park-lane, and during the last two months has risen at the rate of one floor a week, each floor comprising sixty rooms. The Dorchester Hotel is one of the greatest feats of modern hotel construction, and when it is opened in the spring will make Park-lane the London equivalent of the Champs-Élysées in Paris or Park-avenue in New York.

Work has also begun near the Marble Arch on an hotel that will be completed in three years, and will be a "palace of silence," for there will be no shouting boys or ringing bells.

Hundreds of workmen will be engaged in the construction of what will be the largest hotel in Europe, with 2,000 bedrooms and bathrooms.

New Multi-Store.

The new building will have frontages to Oxford-street, Edgware-road, Bryanston-street, and Great Cumberland-place. There will be four restaurants and cafés of various types and a multi-store on modern lines. The promoters of the scheme are Messrs. J. Lyons & Co., Ltd.

Plans are also advanced for the erection of a £1,300,000 hotel on the site of Lansdowne House, Berkeley-square, W., of 350 bedrooms, each one of which will contain a painting by a modern British artist.

Another hotel in Mayfair will be the New Curzon, rebuilt on the latest American lines.

"The hotel on the Lansdowne House site will be a palatial building of concrete, with a facade of white and gold-coloured marble," a Press representative was informed at the offices of the designer last month. "There will be shops on the ground floor, and the hotel building will be intersected by shopping arcades."

A site has been secured by the Canadian Pacific Railway on which they propose to build the "finest hotel in London." The area is 77,000 square feet, and faces Berkeley-square and Bruton-street.

This new £3,000,000 hotel will have 700 bedrooms, each with a bathroom attached, and will include six restaurants.

MARTIAL-LAW IN SMYRNA.

"RELIGIOUS REGIME"
CONSPIRACY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANGORA, Dec. 30.

Martial-law has been proclaimed throughout the Province of Smyrna, the centre of the movement against the Kemalist régime in Turkey.

The military authorities who failed to suppress the Menemen demonstrations, in which several persons were killed, will be court-martialled, and it is expected that many connected with the Menemen revolt will be hanged.

The Government fears that the revolt is not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy for the establishment of a "religious régime."

The continued increase of women in the various professions, businesses, and trades in England is reflected in the increased number of failures of women given in the bankruptcy returns for 1923, issued by the Board of Trade. The total number of such failures in 1923 was 502, as compared with 484 in 1922. The trades in which the greatest number of failures among women occurred were—Milliners and dress-makers, 93; drapers, 84; grocers, 29; clothiers and outfitters, 27; lodging-house keepers, 18. The number of insolventcies during 1923 in England and Wales were 5,000, a decrease on the previous year, 5,281. As estimated by debitors the liabilities last year aggregated £14,368,318, an increase of £2,197,025 on the previous year, while the assets totalled £5,182,146, an advance of £1,357,937 on 1922.

ROUND-TABLE
CONFERENCE.INDIAN WOMEN'S
SUFFRAGE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rangoon, Dec. 30.

Many aspects of the franchise question were discussed to-day by the Franchise Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference.

The purpose of this Sub-Committee is to recommend to the full Conference the terms of reference with recommendations when possible for the expert franchise commission, which is to study the subject in India.

During the discussion the view found general favour that the franchise commission might consider the introduction of an educational qualification of a satisfactory standard, provided this could be done without conflicting with the recommendation that an extension of the franchise should be distributed as far as possible equally among the different communities.

It was also agreed that the commission might be asked to decide whether a military service qualification should not be extended to include service in military and territorial forces in India.

The question of women's franchise was also discussed at length and the women delegates asked that the recommendation on this subject made in the Statutory Commission's report should be given effect, except that they desired the qualifying age to be 21 instead of 25 years.

The Sub-Committee generally expressed dissatisfaction that the number of women voters was so small compared with the number of male voters and thought the franchise commission should examine the methods whereby the numbers might be made to approximate more closely, and that in so doing they should take into account together with any other evidence the proposals of the Statutory Commission.

It was also thought that the commission might examine the disparity which it was suggested existed in certain provinces between the urban and rural populace in franchise.

In regard to the extension of the franchise, it was felt that the matter was one in which provincial legislatures might exercise their discretion as to what extension should take place after a period of years, not less than ten.

North-West Frontier Province
Sub-Committee.

The meeting of the North-West Frontier province sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Henderson, heard a statement by Sir Denys Bray, of the Indian Council, based upon his personal and administrative experience of the frontier province.

With a view to focussing the discussion the Chairman, at the request of the Sub-Committee, undertook to prepare a report which will be submitted at the next meeting on Thursday.

The Prime Minister will to-morrow morning preside over the meeting of the minorities committee.

Tears for men on public occasions are coming into fashion, says a Home paper. At Beauvais, when, for his services in connection with the R.101 disaster Lord Tyrrell presented the Mayor of Allonne with a gold watch. And the Mayor was unable, so desperately did he cry, to make any answer. Had such an incident occurred at Nimes or Tarascon one would have attributed it to the emotionalism of the south. But it is strange that a solid northerner should thus have lost his self-control. Is it perhaps the decline in the public school spirit which has brought with it this propensity for weeping in public? Our greatest heroes, it is true, were very liable to sob. Nelson and Pitt, Castlereagh and the Iron Duke often allowed themselves the manly tear. But Dr. Arnold altered all that, and although Tennyson, as late as 1890, was hurt if people did not cry a bit when he read them his poems.

INDIAN CASTE SYSTEM
BITTERNESS."UNTOUCHABLES" EXPELLED
BY POLICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JALGAON, Dec. 30.

The rising indignation of the "Untouchables" against caste Hindus was vented to-day at a conference when the leaders of the "Untouchables" protested against "humiliating" treatment and against their exclusion from the Caste Conference which is meeting at Jalgaon simultaneously.

The "Untouchables" followed up their protest by besieging the meeting-place of the caste Hindus, squinting at the entrance with a view to obtaining admission.

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GROUND GLASS IN HER FOOD.

WOMAN'S COMPLAINT TO
DOCTOR.

CORONER'S REQUEST TO
HOME OFFICE.

The Bedford Coroner was last month in communication with the Home Office concerning an examination which is to be made of certain of the organs of Mrs. Tamar Annie White, of Bedford, the inquest on whom had been adjourned.

At the opening of the inquest medical evidence was given that death was due to peripheral neuritis, which it was stated could be caused by lead poisoning or by arsenical or alcoholic poisoning.

Mrs. White, whose age was 56, was the wife of Mr. Sidney Henry White, an employee of a local firm of wholesale grocers. They lived in a flat in Ashburnham-road, Bedford.

Dr. J. Mackenzie Stuart said that when he was called on November 10 he found Mrs. White sitting by the fire. She was in a very weak and emaciated condition, and complained of feeling sick, and of loss of power in the lower limbs.

He found that she was suffering from peripheral neuritis.

Husband's Visit.

He asked her how long the trouble had been coming on, and she said, "Gradually for the last 12 months." She then told him that ground glass had been put into her food.

On November 11 Mr. White called to see him, and witness informed him of her serious condition, and mentioned the ground glass. Mr. White said it was all nonsense.

On December 17 Mrs. White told him that she was leaving the next day. He heard nothing further until the 20th, when Mr. White called and said his wife had not gone away.

Witness arranged to call the following morning, but before he arrived she had died.

Dr. Stuart said he was present when the post-mortem examination was carried out and he could not even now suggest the cause of death.

He knew it was from heart failure, but he did not know what caused the heart failure. There was nothing to show whether her food had been tampered with or not.

The Post Mortem.

Answering the legal representative of the husband (Mr. R. H. Barrett), Dr. Stuart said that peripheral neuritis could not be the result of natural poisoning.

Dr. Kenneth B. Bellwood, who made the post-mortem examination, said the precise cause of failure of the heart could not be determined. He saw no suggestion of irritation from ground glass.

The husband said he left his wife to go to work two and a half hours before she died. He had no idea she was so seriously ill.

The inquest was adjourned until December 12.

THE BRITISH POST OFFICE.

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COUNTRY.

In every country of the world the Post Office, by virtue of its chief functions, is closely associated with the life of the people, but probably nowhere is its association more intimate than in Great Britain. Here its original purpose of providing an efficient postal service has developed to a degree undreamt of by its founders, until now the variety of its functions is extraordinary. It is the largest employer of labour in the country, having about 230,000 employees, including 30,000 women on its books. The postal and telegraph service, the air mail and money order service are still its main concern, but to them must be added the sale of excise motor vehicles, wireless and other licenses, the payment of war pensions, old age and widows pensions—to name but a few activities which have come within its scope in recent years.

For the person of small means, the Post Office plays a most useful part as a banker. To-day it has more than twelve million depositors, and the sum of money held on their behalf (Continued at foot of next column.)

BURIAL MYSTERY OF CROMWELL.

CENTURIES-OLD VAULT
MAY BE OPENED.

A movement has been started in London to remove the remains of Oliver Cromwell, the Protector, which are believed to be interred in the vault at Newburgh Priory, the home of the Wombwells, near here, for burial in Westminster Abbey.

A centuries-old mystery will be solved if permission is given to open the vault.

Legend here declares that when the Protector's daughter came north and married the then owner of Newburgh Priory, she brought the remains of her father with her and they were buried in the vault of the priory.

Sealed Tomb.

Newburgh Priory was for years the home of Sir George Wombwell, who took part in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, and it is stated that when Cromwell's body was placed in the vault the tomb was sealed up and has never since been opened.

One of the villagers told me to-day that the Wombwell family have strenuously resisted all appeals to them to have the door of the vault taken down, and it was recalled that the late Sir George Wombwell even declined to accede to a request from the late King Edward, when Prince of Wales, to open the tomb.

It is stated, however, that following the movement in London an appeal will in all probability be made to Captain Wombwell to allow the tomb to be opened to solve this centuries-old mystery, and also to perform what is considered to be an act of atonement.

Residents of Coxwold are keenly interested in the suggestion that the tomb should be opened, but Captain Menzies Wombwell, a grandson of Sir George, who succeeded to the estate some years ago, said recently:—

"I have not yet been approached by any one who wishes to move the remains of Oliver Cromwell, but I certainly should not consent to their removal this year, at any rate."

"Next year, however, I may consider it, as there is always a possibility of fire in an old country house like this, and if this house were destroyed by fire the supposed mystery of Cromwell's remains would never be known."

The Tomb.

The vault is built in a corner of the oldest part of the house. It is of wood and is about eight feet square. A plate on the tomb bears the inscription:—

"In this vault are Cromwell's remains, brought here by his daughter, Margaret Countess of Fauconberg, at the Restoration from Westminster Abbey."

There is a hole in the wood of the tomb which is covered over with wire, and it is said that King Edward was so annoyed when Sir George would not open the tomb that he asked for a part of it to be opened, and this was done. Nothing but stones, however, can be seen through the hole. The tomb goes some five or six feet beyond this hole.

Oliver Cromwell died on September 3, 1658. His body was originally buried in the chapel of Henry VII. in Westminster Abbey, but at the Restoration it was exhumed, and on January 30, 1661, the anniversary of the execution of Charles I. it was drawn on a sledge from Holborn to Tyburn, together with the bodies of Ireton and Bradshaw, to the accompaniment of "the universal outcry and curses of the people."

The body was hanged on a gallows at Tyburn, and in the evening taken down, when the head was cut off and set upon Westminster Hall, where it remained until 1694. The trunk was thrown into a pit underneath the gallows.

Various legends state that Cromwell's last burial-place was Naseby Field or Newburgh Abbey, but others state that the body of the Protector still lies in the neighbourhood of Connaught-square, near the old site of Tyburn.

is nearly £300 millions. Depositors are allowed to invest in Government stock, of which War Savings Certificates are the chief attraction. The total number of investors is about eight millions and in War Savings alone £372 millions are invested. The state insurance schemes have added greatly to the work of the Post Office, the annual value of insurance stamps issued being nearly £70 millions. At present the British Post Office more than pays for itself. It is one of the finest examples in the world of state enterprise, from the point of view of lowness of cost and of general efficiency.

BRITAIN AND U.S.

BIG SHIPBUILDING PUSH.

NEW CUNARDERS.

Liverpool.—The New Year will see the beginning of a great struggle between Great Britain and the United States for a prize worth millions of pounds.

Both nations are competing for the favour of the vast army of wealthy Transatlantic travellers whose patronage amounts to hundreds of thousands of pounds a week.

The bulk of this money is available for the nation with the best ships. Who will win it?

This is the situation which has developed within the last few weeks, and there are indications that it will resolve itself into a race against time.

British hopes of attaining Atlantic supremacy are in the two new Cunard liners, the first of which, to be built in the yards of Messrs. John Brown & Co., Ltd., Clydebank, was to have been launched in 1933.

Three Months Earlier.

In view of the latest news from the United States, however, the work is to be speeded up so that the ship may be afloat months before the date originally decided upon.

This step is being taken because of the sudden spur which has been put on by the United States, whose fortunes are in two new 30,000-ton liners, which they hope to have ready before the end of 1932. The latest information is that the keel of the first of these United States liners was laid down on December 4, and that the building of the second liner will begin three months later.

Added to this comes the news that the preparations at Clydebank for the first Cunarder are months ahead of the scheduled time. The yards have been organised in readiness to receive the keel of the biggest ship in the world, and work on the building may start almost at once.

World Boom.

The shipbuilders of Britain and America will begin their enormous jobs simultaneously.

It is possible that work on the second Cunarder may be begun on the Tyne before the end of next year. Each of the ships will be of 35,000 tons, and will be capable of 35 knots.

This struggle between two Atlantic nations has inspired a world boom in shipbuilding.

France is building a 28,000-ton ship, the Champlain, in an effort to capture some of the traffic between Europe and America. Germany is contemplating big new liners.

Italy is hard at work on two new ships.

Next year will be launched, by the Prince of Wales, the new 40,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner, the Empress of Britain. The White Star Line have a second motor-ship, a sister to the recently-launched Britannic, which will run between Liverpool and New York.

Two of the three present big Cunard ships—the Mauretania, the Berengaria and the Aquitania—are to be transferred to the Liverpool-New York service. It was announced that the White Star headquarters are to be changed to Liverpool from London.

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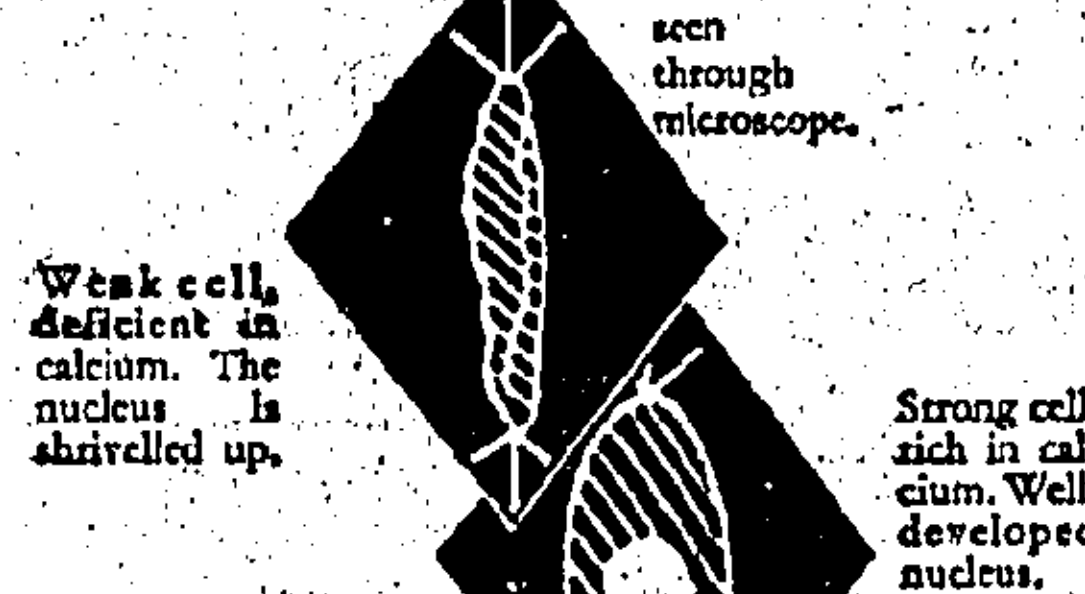


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CHRISTMAS DAY TRAGEDY.

EVIDENCE REGARDING SERGT. POST'S CRASH.

ALLEGATIONS OF DELAY.

The motor cycle accident in Lower Albert Road on Christmas Day, as a result of which Sergeant J. J. Post, of the Traffic Department of the Police Force, lost his life, was mentioned at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, when a Coroner's inquest into the Sergeant's death was conducted by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The first witness called was Dr. I. Newton, who stated that Sgt. Post was admitted to Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious state in the afternoon of Christmas Day. "He was deeply unconscious until the following day when he became semi-conscious," added the doctor.

Witness went on to say that Sgt. Post could not say anything coherent. He was heard to mutter to himself while he was semi-conscious. "I spoke to him and called him by name," said the doctor, "but he gave no response to my questions." Sgt. Post died at 2.10 a.m. on the morning of the 28th. The post-mortem examination showed a fractured base of the skull and considerable laceration of the brain.

The Coroner: Was it possible for you to form an opinion as to whether the deceased had been drinking before he met with an accident?

Witness: I am of the opinion that the deceased had a small quantity of alcohol, but not to any great extent. That, of course, is based entirely on my sense of smell.

European's Evidence.

The next witness called was Mr. Joseph Harrop, who stated that at 2.45 p.m. on Christmas Day he went up Lee House Street in a public car. He saw a crowd of people in Lower Albert Road, and on going near saw a European in multi in the centre of the road. It appeared to witness as if the man had been moved to that position. On the far side of the road was a motor cycle. There was a pool of congealed blood and the European appeared to have been lying on the road for some time. He understood from someone in the crowd that an effort had been made to get the ambulance but that it was not available.

Witness sent his car to the Central Police Station to make a report. Before it came back witness started out towards the Police Station with a view to pressing the seriousness of the case to the Police authorities, but on the way he saw a Fiat two-seater with several persons in it including a Police Sergeant in uniform going eastwards.

Witness continuing said: "I called out to the European 'Are you a first-aid man; if you are, your services are urgently required round the corner.' The police sergeant looked at me and smiled more or less, touched his head and went on. He appeared to understand and the car went on. But this time my own car was returning from the Police Station. I got in and went back to the scene, thinking that the sergeant would go to the scene of the accident. When I got there I neither saw the Fiat car nor the policeman. The injured man was still in the same position in the road and I think the Fiat car must have gone down Lee House Street. I waited for some two or three minutes and still no police officer or ambulance came, and I then decided to take him in my car to the Government Civil Hospital. With the aid of some soldiers I got him into the car and took him to hospital. Later I returned to the Central Police Station and made a personal report of the affair."

Praise-Worthy Action.

At the close of Mr. Harrop's evidence, Mr. Lindell made the following observations: "As Coroner, I have to state my opinion that your action in this case is very praise-worthy."

Mr. Harrop: Thank you, Sir.

Evidence was given by Sgt. A. Kinnaird who stated that at 2.45 p.m. he was in his quarters lying in his bed, fully dressed, when he was sent for by the Inspector on duty. On the latter's instructions, he went to Lower Albert Road on foot. There he found motor-cycle

USHERING IN THE NEW YEAR.

HOGMANAY FESTIVITIES.

The passing away of the old year and the ushering in of the new was observed in the Colony with much merry-making at private residences and hotels. Now Year's Eve, perhaps more than at any other time, provides an opportunity for large dinner and dance parties in gaily decorated surroundings, and the customary boom of fire crackers announcing the dawn of another year is a solemn occasion when sincere greetings are exchanged. Ideal weather accompanied the celebrations on this occasion.

At the Repulse Bay Hotel the fancy dress carnival was a big draw. About 300 couples took the ballroom floor. To meet the congestion, the management turned the verandah into a temporary floor, and the cellar had to be requisitioned as a cocktail room. The festive spirit was enhanced by the gaily lit and decorated hall, and the excellent music arranged for the evening.

The principal attraction on the Kowloon side was the carnival dance at Peninsula Hotel, which also received much support and incidentally provided much enjoyment. Elaborate arrangements had been made here for the comfort of the large number of guests.

St. Francis Hotel and the Hotel Cecil also provided facilities for their patrons for dancing, and a happy time was spent by a large gathering which included members of the Services.

The Craigengower Cricket Club maintained their traditional hospitality towards their members and friends at the annual dance given by the President. At midnight the gathering formed a ring and sang the time-honoured "Auld Lang Syne," after which dancing was continued until the small hours of the morning. A dance was also held at the Club Lusitano, which was well attended by members of the Portuguese community and friends.

The Coroner: How long did it take you to get down to the charge-room?—About one and a half minutes.

Who was sent up to quarters to fetch you?—The European Sergeant on duty.

There was no delay then after you got the message?—No delay at all.

Sub-Inspector J. R. McWalter, Inspector on duty in the charge-room of Central Police Station on Christmas Day, stated that the first report of the accident was made to him at 2.40 p.m. when he sent for Sgt. Kinnaird and rang up for the ambulance. The Fire Brigade Station told him over the telephone that one ambulance was out and the other was under repair, and they added that they already had information of the accident and had communicated with the Tung Wah Hospital with a view to getting the latter's ambulance.

Visited His Brother.

Later, said the witness, Sgt. Kinnaird telephoned the number of the motor cycle and witness immediately knew who was riding it and telephoned the traffic department accordingly. Witness said that the machine belonged to Sgt. Doyle and that Sgt. Post was riding it that afternoon. The latter was on traffic reserve duty from 8 a.m. that morning to 8 a.m. the next day. He got leave to go and see his brother at No. 2 Police Station and left word that if he was wanted he could be found by telephone there.

Mr. P. E. Blundell, of No. 1, Ventris Road, spoke of a visit to his house by Sgt. Post and two other officers on Christmas Day. A drink was offered to Sgt. Post, but the latter refused it. When he left Mr. Blundell's house, he was perfectly sober.

Sub-Inspector E. J. Post said his brother, the deceased sergeant, was a little under the half hour and they had a drink together. The deceased a small whisky and water.

The hearing will be continued on Friday morning. The Coroner and the jury visited the scene yesterday afternoon.

ARSON TRIAL.

MORE DISCREPANCIES IN DATES.

CALENDARS MIXED UP.

A further discrepancy in dates given by witnesses at the Police Court and at the Criminal Sessions was commented on when the arson trial was continued yesterday before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood).

On the application of Mr. Jenkin, who is defending two of the three prisoners on trial, the insurance broker was recalled. In his evidence at the Sessions witness was understood to say that he saw the first defendant at 77, Wing Lok Street, in the seventh moon, which the interpreter gave as the period between August 24 and September 21.

Mistake in Depositions.

Mr. Jenkin (to witness): Do you remember stating in the Police Court that the first defendant was introduced to you in July last?—It is a mistake in the deposition.

Whose mistake?—I would not put the blame on anybody. It might have been my mistake, or a mistake on the part of the interpreter or Magistrate.

His Lordship pointed out that July was the seventh month in the Gregorian calendar, which might explain the discrepancy.

Counsel went on to say that the interpreter at the Police Court had taken the Gregorian calendar, while the Chinese calendar had been taken at the Sessions, causing confusion which was unfair to everybody.

His Lordship observed that the Chinese words for "moon" and "month" were the same and the Chinese themselves did not bother with the difference.

Mr. Jenkin replied that in a case like that before the Court, dates were of prime importance, and as Mr. Lindell was an expert in taking dates, he suggested that a definite calendar should be used, especially as the same point had arisen with regard to two previous witnesses.

No Afternoon Sitting.

Further evidence was called, including that of Inspectors Shannon and Reynolds, when the Court rose at 1 p.m. At the commencement of the day's proceedings the foreman of the jury (Mr. J. L. McPherson) said that the jurors had important business to attend to and asked if they could be excused attendance in the afternoon.

Counsel expressed their agreement and his Lordship adjourned further hearing until to-morrow.

DYING WOMAN IN CRYPT.

HER SEVEN BOTTLES OF POISON.

The help which is given to destitute men and women in the crypt of a London church and a tragedy which occurred there were described to the Westminster coroner.

He returned a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" on Miss Lily Carrie Snook, of West Park, Redland, Bristol, who was found dying of poison in the crypt beneath St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, W.C. She was 45 and had been a patient at the Bristol Mental Hospital.

Miss Georgina Costello, a member of the Women's Auxiliary Service, explained that a bench and cushion were provided in the crypt for men and women with cushions and covers for women. They had about 120 men every night and from 16 to 23 women. "We have food tickets for those who are really hungry," she added, "and we send them to a coffee stall with the tickets."

Walking All Day.

Miss Costello said that Miss Snook when she first came to the crypt was very wet and tired and said she had been walking about London all day. Another destitute woman remarked how ill Miss Snook looked and found she was unconscious.

The police said Miss Snook had in her possession seven bottles of carbolic, two of which were empty, five packets of salt of lemon, a razor and a large seed-head.

The coroner asked what the seed was. "It is 50 years since I qualified as a doctor," he said, "and I thought it was a poppy head."

The coroner said the mental hospital doctors were not to blame for allowing the woman out with her brother. Unfortunately, with the cunning of insane people, she gave him the slip.

M.V. WUSUEH LAUNCHED.

NEW SHIP FOR YANGTZE SERVICE.

The twin-screw motor vessel Wusueh was launched at the Taikoo Dockyard on Tuesday.

This vessel, the dimensions of which are 203 feet over-all in length, 48 feet extreme beam over fender, and 21 feet depth to upper deck, has been specially designed to meet the China Navigation Co.'s requirements for service between Shanghai and Ichang. She has a straight stem and rounded stern, twin balanced rudders, and one steel mast, two continuous decks, viz.:—Main and upper, with a boat deck above the after part of the upper deck, and a roof deck over the boat deck. Forward of the mast is a bridge deck, upper bridge deck and navigating bridge deck.

There are two cargo holds forward, also a compartment adaptable for carrying either oil in bulk or general cargo and one cargo hold is fitted aft. Two steel derricks for seven tons lifts and one for 30 tons lifts have been arranged. Accommodation is arranged for 42 saloon passengers in two berth rooms, 36 first class passengers in 4 berth rooms and 144 steerage passengers. Captain, officers and engineers are accommodated in houses forward of foremast.

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FISHING TRAWLER ABANDONED.

CREW TAKEN TO HONG HONG ON DUTCH VESSEL.

When the J.C.J.L. Tjikembang arrived in the harbour yesterday, she brought with her the crew of a 10-ton Japanese fishing boat (with an auxiliary motor engine) and turned them over to the Water Police with the report that the men were fishermen from Formosa and were picked up by the Tjikembang, drifting in the sea.

The men said that the engine of their ship broke down about ten days ago and they had been drifting about ever since. It was fortunate that the Tjikembang picked them up when she did as their provisions had been all used up. It was impossible for the Tjikembang to take the fishing boat (Tsou Maru) in tow, so she took all the crew off and left the vessel drifting. The Water Police took the crew of the abandoned boat to the Harbour Office and communicated with the Japanese Consulate which took charge of the men.

The Prince of Wales' invitation to Lord Ednam to join his party on the forthcoming South American tour is an instance of royal sympathy and thoughtfulness. For there are few men to whom fate has dealt a succession of heavier blows than Lord Ednam and his family. The tragedy was the death of his wife in the Moopham air disaster. Lord Ednam is an experienced traveller, for he has been to America several times, as well as to Jamaica, and shortly after the death of his wife he set out for Canada.

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE.

"THE ROCK" EXPLAINS VATICAN METHOD.

It is often thrown in the face of Catholics, says "The Rock," the local organ of the Roman Catholic community, both by those who know, or if they don't, should know that it is not true, and by those who are misled into believing that it is true, that if a divorce cannot be granted in the Catholic Church there is still a way out of the difficulty of inconvenient marriages, and that is by securing a declaration of nullity, or as adversaries prefer to call it, "by getting the marriage annulled." They further state that a rich man can easily get his marriage annulled by Rome if he has only money enough to do so; that there is one law for the poor and another for the rich; and that incidentally the process is not a hard way for filling the Vatican's coffers.

The *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, the official organ of the Holy See, has published the details of the cases of nullity of marriage decided during the year 1929 by the Tribunal of Rota in Rome, which has jurisdiction in this matter. Pero de la Brie has analysed these cases in *Les Etudes* (September 20, 1930) and the analysis is such an exposure of the libels above quoted that it merits wide publication.

General.

67 Cases in all came before the Rota.

58 of these Cases were concerned with the validity of particular marriages. Of these 53 marriages:

20 were declared null and void,

38 were declared valid in spite of the considerations urged on the other side.

This means that the Rota upheld the validity of almost two-thirds of the marriages brought before it.

Particular.

In which the Cases are classified according to the grounds alleged:

6 Cases urged that the marriage was invalid on account of clandestinity, i.e., through absence of priest or witnesses. Result: 1 marriage declared null and void, 5 marriages declared valid.

19 Cases in which the ground was violence or fear.—Result: 12 marriages declared null, 7 declared valid.

20 Cases based on defect of consent. Result: 4 marriages declared null, 16 declared valid.

3 Cases for other reasons: 3 marriages declared null.

Financial.

Out of the 58 litigants:—

30 were sufficiently well off to pay the fees. Of these won their 8 cases and had their marriages declared null, 22 had their marriages declared valid and binding.

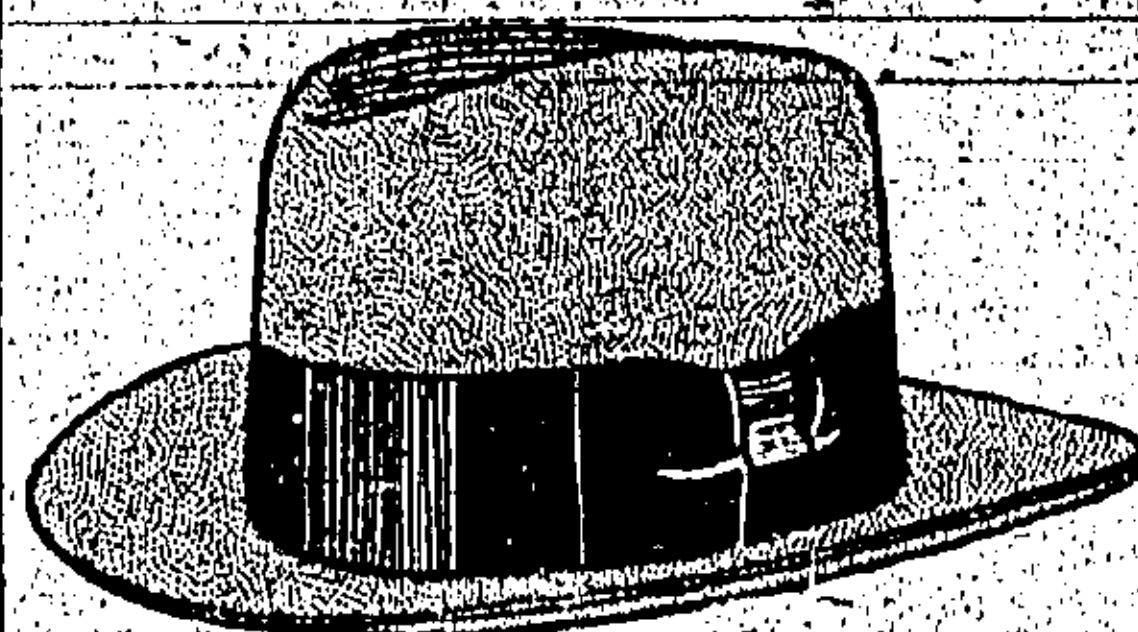
28 applied in *forma pauperis* or *ex mandato gratuii patrocinii*, i.e., they were too poor to pay a lawyer's fees. Of these 12 won their cases and had their marriages declared null, the other 16 marriages being declared valid.

Hence in the financial analysis we see, that there were almost as many poor litigants as rich, 28 to 30, and that of the 20 cases decided in favour of the litigants, the rich won 8 and the poor 12 cases.

These figures are worth nothing, and memorising. They are a cold matter-of-fact refutation of the libel which is so frequently heard. Marriage for Catholics is a Sacrament, not merely a civil contract. It is indissoluble. For very grave reasons—and consequently very rarely—separation *a mensa et toro* may be granted. Divorce with the right to remarry is never allowed. "What God has joined let no man put asunder." The Catholic Church never annuls a marriage, it sometimes, when the fact is proved to the hilt, declares a marriage to be null: a very different thing. The difference between divorce and declaration of nullity is the difference between tearing up a perfectly good banknote, and declaring a false note to be a forgery. The false note was a forgery, that is it never was a genuine note, even before a declaration to that effect was made. The marriage which was vitiated from the beginning because of some flaw in the ceremony, was never a marriage, and the Church simply declares that fact after investigating the case with that solemnity for which Rome is proverbial. If there is any presumption in favour of the marriage, Rome will not give a declaration of nullity.

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Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. Coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following typhoon warning has been received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory:—

Manila, December 31, 3.50 p.m.—Typhoon in about 145 deg. Long. E. and 6 deg. Lat. N., moving W.

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NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS.

To give expression to the usual New Year greetings in a business community at this time is to invite a reply similar to that of the testy major to the breezy "good morning" of the junior subaltern. Our own remarks on December 31st, in our review of last year's business and this year's prospects, hardly carried on the side of beaming optimism, and suggest an appropriate wariness in uttering the usual platitudes of January 1st. Hong Kong, however, still has its compensations. It is true that the outlook for the dollar grows steadily darker, that the Chinese buyer prefers cheapness to quality, which is the alienable property of British goods, and that the Government is applying the screw of taxation!

But against that we can at least get in Hong Kong three things barred to all but the very opulent at home. And they are things most needful for comfort, namely, servants, housing and alcohol. We all know the sins of the boy and the amah. Chinese servants, the "old hands" tell us, have never been the same since the men cut off their pig-tails. They have lost not merely that dignity, respectfulness and truthfulness, which belong to every golden age of the past, but even their skill in cooking. Nor in the case of the women have they the knack of washing and "getting up" a suit of whites. But they can be had. They can even be sent off with a month's salary in lieu of notice—in the sure knowledge that another will at once fill the vacant cubby hole in the servants' quarters. Some of us may wonder how long that will last. All good things come to an end, and the day may yet dawn when servant registries gather in Hong Kong ill-gotten gains equal to those of such institutions in the Homeland. At present, however, all is well, servants, and good servants, can still be got in Hong Kong. Out-of-work factory lassies cannot, as in Lancashire, go on the dole rather than lay a table or answer a bell.

In the matter of housing the knowing ones can still pursue the policy of a new flat every other year—when the old one is beginning to get shabby. Furniture removal is cheap, and housewives become expert at the job. Even if children and men-folk object, the thing is worth it, for landlords, (though there are worthy exceptions) do not jump at suggestions of painting and colour washing. In these days it is even possible to get a house quite cheaply. Is there not Kowloon Tong, as good as any garden city, even to the naming of the roads? Surrey Lane was obvious, but Rutland Quadrant is a stroke of genius.

American asceticism has not penetrated to the Colonies and the matter of our drinks cannot be forgotten. In England prices for old-fashioned brews are so exorbitant that much of what does not relieve the trans-Atlantic drought is shipped to Hong Kong. Twenty copies were seen in

Queen's Road the day after Boxing Day slowly dragging a large two-wheel cart, laden high with one brand of Scotland's gift to the world. Judging by course and position it could only have been for one minor store, or possibly a ten years' supply for some Fighting Service mess. Hong Kong, however, rightly claims to be a temperate place, though "a little wine" is good for most constitutions. "We hardly even drink anything ourselves," is a remark not unheard of in hospitable Hong Kong houses, so if we do not take in each other's washing, we sample instead the fairly well stocked cellars and curtained cupboards of our friends. Farewell gatherings every other Saturday morning aboard the outgoing P. & O. are as hearty as ever, and those of us who stay behind can reflect, as we dry our homesick eyes, that life in Hong Kong still has certain advantages.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

A growing appreciation of the moral and economic importance of seeking the mental and physical welfare of the young is among the most hopeful characteristics of modern civilisation, and Hong Kong by its support of the Society for the Protection of Children has shown that its attitude towards this question is progressive, and that the Colony as a whole is alive to the fact that hitherto machinery for dealing with the problems of child-welfare has been inadequate. The Government has undertaken no direct responsibility, and the various private charitable institutions have only been able to deal with a fraction of the cases where crime or suffering have been due to parental neglect, ignorance, or poverty. The Society has ascertained that in the last year there came before the Magistrates 1,142 juvenile offenders, and of these 131 boys and five girls under the age of sixteen were sent to prison. One of the Society's prime objects is to press the Government to consider the setting up of juvenile courts and the establishment of industrial schools and reformatories. The Government has already appointed a Committee to discuss the necessary steps, and has allocated the buildings of the former Aberdeen Paper Mills to the Salesian Fathers as premises for a reformatory school. The Society has also drawn up and sent to the Government a Draft Bill dealing with the whole question of the trial of juvenile offenders, their segregation from adults, before and during trial, and the abolition of imprisonment for children under fourteen, with suggestions for their being bound over on probation so that an officer (paid or voluntary) can watch their behaviour and report to the Court. This officer would also try to find them employment, and generally befriend them. The aim of such an Ordinance would not be to relieve parents of their responsibilities but to ensure their fulfilment; it provides for summoning parents and fining them if the child's offence has been due to their neglect or indifference. At present the work of investigation is being carried on by a trained Chinese lady inspector. Homes are visited, medical treatment is secured where necessary, and relief administered in kind. This work increases month by month, and not the least important part of it is the after-care of children who have been relieved by the Society. The aim is constructive, and remedial rather than punitive measures are adopted whenever possible in dealing with both parents and children. To secure public interest leaflets printed in English and Chinese have been distributed. These state the aims and methods of the Society, and explain what, according to the laws of the Colony, constitutes an offence against children. The value of the services rendered by such a Society cannot be overestimated. We hope that both the Government and the civil population will do all that is in their power to further work by co-operation, individual effort, and financial support.

★ News and Views ★

A "Babe's" Wisdom.

Young Mr. Randolph Churchill's age has nothing to do with the utter truth of one of his reported remarks during his lecture tour in the U.S.A.—that "any woman engaged in a violent effort is always unattractive."

The Perjuror.

Is it not the case that in the last fifty years there has been only one Scotsman convicted of perjury? And he was an Aberdeenshire illicit whisky distiller. Asked by the judge where he had obtained the six bottles found in his house, he replied: "I was given them by a friend in Aberdeen." Without further evidence a Scottish jury gave him thirty days.

A Young Man of Wuchow.

The Chinese Press relates that a young man of Wuchow was seen to run down the main street and throw himself into the West River. When he was picked up by the boat population he indignantly denied that he wanted to commit suicide. He plunged into the river because a ghost was chasing him. He was handed over to the police who took him to hospital.

Spats and the Middle West.

The Great American People are convinced that all Englishmen wear spats, even as the Great White Soul of Russia conceives of capitalists as people holding a top-hat in one hand and in another a bottle of champagne. These visual habits take long to die.

True it is that some of the oldest, as also of the newest, of our patriots do affect these fussy little gaiters round their feet. I see no objection to this old-world habit, but to the Americans, it seems, spats denote:

- (1) Feudalism;
- (2) The effete civilisation of the West.

Senator Robinson, that sturdy Democrat, has got into trouble since his return from the London Conference by permitting himself to be photographed in a pair of spats of a delicate pearl grey. This photograph has been circulated in the Middle West. And the Senator's prestige has been profoundly shaken.

There will be no issue of the *Daily Press* to-morrow but publication will be resumed on Saturday. We take pleasure in wishing our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

One death from typhoid was reported for the 24 hours ended December 30.

The P. & O. s.s. Comorin will arrive here from Singapore at 9 a.m. on Friday morning and not at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

A Chinese schoolboy named Chan Man has been arrested for the alleged theft of two women's sweaters from Messrs. Wing On & Co.

According to a police report, property worth \$150, which was stolen from No. 4, Alberton Terrace a few days ago, has been recovered in a pawnshop.

Commencing to-day, the Hong Kong Tramway Company's motor buses on the Tsimshui route will proceed via Lockhart Road instead of Queen's Road East.

The exchange on the Hong Kong dollar yesterday opened at 1/14d. but receded in the course of the day 1/1d., making a new low record for the last day of the year.

A sampan moored near the east wall of the Kowloon Anchorage, was capsized early on Tuesday morning through the action of the backwash of a passing junk. The crew, however, were all rescued by the steam launch, Mitsui, which happened to be passing at the time.

As from to-day, the new mooring buoys in the Harbour will be brought into use. During the past year, many alterations have been made, and the new chart of buoys show that there are "A" anchorages, while there has also been an increase in the "B" buoys.

The local agents of the Fuji Paper Co., Ltd., have forwarded us a large tear off calendar, with thermometer attached. The latter was showing 59 degrees Fahrenheit when it arrived! The Red Rose Barbers and Beauty Parlour also sent an attractive Chinese calendar.

When a Chinese named Tang Pui-sang, alias the Kowloon Magistrate on the charge of having kidnapped a male child, Sergeant Goodwin applied for a remand in order further inquiries into the case could be made. This was granted and the man was accordingly remanded till Saturday.

Colonel Ashley and the Eggs.

Colonel Wilfrid Ashley (C. New Forest), at a meeting of the Standing Committee which is considering the Land Utilisation Bill, said: "Seven million eggs are brought into England every year, but I should not like to eat more than a quarter of them." The laughter caused by this comment was renewed when Colonel Ashley pointed out that what he really meant was that only one quarter of these eggs could really be considered eatable.

Baby Princess Inspires a Composer.

Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Music since 1934, has been inspired by the birth of little Princess Margaret Rose to write a "Nursery Suite" for the Orchestra. It consists of about seven short pieces, with the titles of old-fashioned nursery rhymes. It has not yet been performed, but the score will be published early in the New Year by Keith Prowse & Co., Ltd., together with one or two small works by Sir Edward. The "Nursery Suite" has been dedicated to the Duchess of York and the two little Princesses, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

National Types.

It is strange how public opinion persists in taking as a national type the type of sixty years ago. Even to-day you will not infrequently see the Frenchman of the caricature or poster wearing a beard which went out of fashion in 1870. Frenchmen do not, except on posters, wear an imperial. The German of the caricature is a typical rather of the Liberals of 1878 than of the lean and anxious Hitlerite of to-day. And even in the year of grace 1930 the Englishman is depicted in Paris newspapers as a man with the mutton-chop whiskers of Matthew Arnold and a stalking cap of the sort worn in the earlier portraits by Mr. Sherlock Holmes.

The Chinese Telegraph Administration and the Commercial Cable Company have reached an agreement regarding the Company's operations in China, and a similar agreement has also been reached with the other two cable companies.

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★ Local Notes and Events ★

Mr. G. Ashwell Cobban (authoress of "Spangle Arrives," "De Ukelele Band," etc.), daughter of Mr. G. A. Wordecock, I.S.O., formerly of Hong Kong has been elected a member of the Author's Society and was present at their dinner at the Hotel Victoria, London.

On a summons brought at the Central Police Court by Sub-Inspector A. V. Baker yesterday against the management of the Central Theatre for having two exit doors from the stalls bolted during a performance, Mr. R. E. Lindell adjourned the case for a week, and said that he would inspect the premises.

Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday sentenced a Chinese, who was convicted of theft of \$20, from a passenger on a tram on Monday, to six months hard labour. Detective Sergeant Lament said that the defendant had been convicted on two previous occasions. He was well-known to the police as being a man who travelled on trams for the sole purpose of picking pockets.

A Chinese watchman named Ho Chi has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from a stab wound in the abdomen. It was stated that the reason for the assault on the man was committed because he interrupted a card party which was going on in No. 1 West, Kowloon Godowns, and three Chinese coolies are now being detained by the Police.

We have been informed that Mr. C. A. L. Rumbold, the tennis champion of Tientsin, who received an invitation from the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation to take part in the Philippine 1931 National Tennis Tournament in Manila, from January 30 to February 15, has decided not to make the trip, the reason being that he prefers to stay in Hong Kong and compete in the local championship which comes off about the same time.

According to a Police Report, Micky Davy, the son of Sergt. Davy of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was bitten by a brown chow dog owned by Sergt. Williams of the H.K.S.R.A., at Jordan Road, on Tuesday. There was also one other case, and this time the victim was Jack Hutchison, the son of Sergt. Hutchison, of the A. & S. Highlanders. The dog was bitten by a chow dog owned by Sergt. Giddiner, of the same regiment. Not cases were treated at the Kowloon Military Hospital, the animals being later seized and placed under observation.

Mr. O. Whitehead, of 12, Granville Road, has reported to the police that some person stole from his flat a woollen, tealting rug and a woollen blanket, the total value of which was placed at \$47. The theft was alleged to have occurred sometime between two and three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, of May Hall, the University, that sometime between 8 p.m. on December 29 and 9 a.m. on December 30, some person stole from his motor-car, which was parked in Lytleton Road, a pump and three small spanners, the total value of which was placed at \$8.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. H. Woodier, custodian of the Happy Valley Recreation ground, who died at the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday, took place at Happy Valley the same day, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiating. The deceased was 68 years of age and had been in the Colony for the past 30 years, originally coming out with the Welch Regt. Death was due to pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The educational department in Canton, has notified all the local military and civil colleges that they are to send their scholars to the parade ground near the Koon Yuen Shan on the first of January, 1906, for a grand parade. All the schools are practising drills to compete for the prizes. Some Chinese Kipling has perhaps urged the desirability of teaching the young idea how to shoot.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 30, 1930.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The twenty-fifth Victoria Regatta opened in weather the reverse of cheerful; the best that could be said of it being that it did not rain after the sports commenced, though it had been drizzling the great part of the morning. There was sufficient wind to take the yachts round their course, and the race was a good one. The sailing races for ships' boats did not bring out many starters, and these events went rather flatly. For rowing not much fault could be found with the water, but towards the end there was a strong current, which was the cause of the course. Some inconvenience was caused by one of the river steamers anchoring in the middle of the course, but also moved away when requested.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 30, 1930.

CABLE COMPANIES IN CHINA.**DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS RESULT IN AGREEMENT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 31.

The Chinese Telegraph Administration and the Commercial Pacific Cable Company yesterday reached an agreement whereby the National Government granted to the Commercial Pacific Cable Company a renewal of the landing license in China for 14 years from January 1, subject to certain revisions of the agreement.

It is understood that these revisions include the Ministry of Communications having an equal voice with the Cable Company in the relations of the Company's Shanghai office (the only one in China) with the public, while the technical operation of the cables remains in the hands of the Company.

It is understood that the Great Northern Telegram Company and the Eastern Extension Company are signing somewhat similar agreements at Nanking to-day, after protracted and very delicate negotiations.

Other Agreements Successfully Negotiated.

LATER.

After a lengthy session to-day, the negotiations between the Chinese Telegraph Administration and the Great Northern Telegram Company and the Eastern Extension Company reached a satisfactory conclusion on broad principles in an agreement, which is believed to be similar to that concluded with the Commercial Pacific Cable Company.

The details will be settled by negotiation later.

The Sino-Japanese agreement concerning the return to China of the Tsingtao end of the Tsingtao-Sasabe cable was initiated this afternoon, while agreement was reached on general principles regarding the Shanghai-Nagasaki cable, both of which hitherto have been controlled by Japan.

LIBERATED MISSIONARIES AND NUNS.**TELEGRAM REPORTS ARRIVAL AT KIANFU.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Dec. 31.

The Apostolic Delegation has received a telegram from Bishop Mignani stating that the four Fathers and five Sisters who were rescued by the Government forces on Christmas Day arrived at Kianfu on December 29.

CHINA'S MINISTER TO FRANCE.**SHANGHAI FINANCIER APPOINTED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 30.

Mr. Chien Yung Ming, a prominent Shanghai banker, has been appointed Minister to France in succession to Mr. Kuo Lu, who is returning to Nanking to take up the post of Minister of Education.

CHINA'S CREDIT STRENGTHENS.**BONDS ARE RETIRED ON SCHEDULE.**

Nanking, Dec. 18.—Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, to-day ordered the payment of Coupon 30 (\$114,600) of the Crip Loan. He has also ordered payment of drawn bonds of the Anglo-French loan amounting to \$253,318 on December 24. Since September, 1929, when Soong announced the programme of the Government for the redemption of the loans secured by all means, five payments have been made amounting to \$2,732,740—purchased at a cost of \$16,220,000. Every payment called for by the announced programme has been met to date. The anti secured loans form a substantial part of the Chinese foreign national debt.

CHINA IMPORTS UNDER NEW TARIFF.**TIME-LIMIT FOUR-THIRTY YESTERDAY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31.

It is officially announced that all goods arriving in China after 4.30 this afternoon will come under the new Tariff.

MARSHAL JOFFRE: "I AM GOING."**GROWING PERCEPTIBLY WEAKER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 30.

"I am going," said Marshal Joffre, who lies dying, to the one-armed Military Governor of Paris, General Gourard, when the old soldier visited the bedside of the Marshal to-day.

General Gourard replied:—"Marshal, do you remember Timbuctoo (Marshal Joffre was one of the leaders of the march which resulted in the capture of Timbuctoo in 1893)? I was by your side."

The Marshal signalled his recollection of the occasion, and then murmured very softly, "I am going."

His doctors declare that they have never had such a patient as this wonderful old man of 79, who after lying unconscious for five hours last night, woke up and asked for food and greedily gulped a glass of milk held out to him.

When he had finished, he said calmly and quietly: "I am going to die."

Marshal Joffre this morning was able to drink another glass of milk, raising the glass with his own hand.

LATER.

Marshal Joffre's improvement to-night was more marked.

Marshal Sinking.

PARIS, Dec. 31.

Marshal Joffre is sinking.

LATER.

A bulletin issued at 6.30 this morning stated that Marshal Joffre spent a quiet night, in spite of the difficulty in breathing.

Marshal Joffre remains conscious, but he is growing perceptibly weaker.

BURMA UPRISING QUELLED.**BUFFS' COMPANY NO LONGER REQUIRED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, Dec. 30.

Sixty casualties occurred in a clash at Udoikwin between the rebel tribesmen and Indian troops of the Punjab Regiment yesterday.

Decisive developments are expected shortly to follow the policy of the troops, who have been penning the rebels in the jungle, where food and water are not available.

The company of the Buffs which was ordered to the scene is no longer required and has been recalled to its headquarters.

U.S. RAILWAY STOCKS JUMP UP.**EASTERN LINES AGREE ON UNIFICATION.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

One of the most vigorous advances in railway shares has occurred on the Stock Exchange following the announcement that the heads of the main eastern lines have finally agreed on a unification plan, after a controversy which has lasted 10 years.

TRIBAL BATTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.**RENEWED FIGHTING CAUSES MORE DEATHS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 30.

Renewed fighting between the natives on the Randfontein Estates has resulted in the deaths of four more of the combatants and injuries to 30 others.

A thousand Basutos and Pondos participated in the battle.

ABOLITION OF OCTROI IN PEIPING.**ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT HOPEI PROVINCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Dec. 31.

Proclamations have been issued informing the public that the Octroi and similar taxes are abolished in Fengtai, Kupeikow and Nankow, as well as at the city gateways of Peiping itself, thus indicating that the abolition of *likin* is being enforced throughout Hopei.

The official thus thrown out of work are receiving a month's pay, but they are petitioning the Finance Ministry at Nanking for a further three months' pay as a pension.

SIX AMERICAN BANKS CLOSE.**DEPOSITS THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION STERLING.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

JACKSON (Mississippi), Dec. 31.

Six banks, with deposits aggregating \$1,730,000, have closed in the State of Mississippi.

MARQUIS KOMURA'S SUCCESSOR.**ZENJIRO HORIKIRI APPOINTED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 31.

The Cabinet has decided to appoint Mr. Zenjiro Horikiri, formerly Mayor of Tokyo, to succeed the late Marquis Komura as Vice-Minister of the Department of Overseas Affairs.

Marquis Komura's funeral. The funeral of Marquis Komura took place this afternoon.

MAJOR FRANCO APPEARS AT ANTWERP.**INTENDS TO GO TO SOUTH AMERICA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.

Major Franco, who headed the revolting army in the recent rebellion in Spain, has arrived by steamer at Antwerp from Portugal. He was accompanied by his mechanic, Sada, with whom he flew to Portugal after the failure of the rebellion.

The secret police interviewed the conspirators aboard the ship and warned them to refrain from political activities. Both have now left for Brussels.

Major Franco said he only intended to stay in Brussels a short time, until he had obtained an engagement as an airman in South America.

ITALIAN ANTI-FASCISTS SENTENCED.**INTENDED TO BLOW UP PARIS FASCIST HEADQUARTERS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 30.

Two Italian Communists, named Lario and Zitter, who were found near the Eiffel Tower on October 29 with automatic pistols, ammunition and a bomb in their possession, were to-day sentenced, respectively, to three years' and eighteen months' imprisonment.

When arrested, they stated that they had come to Paris in order to blow up the Fascist headquarters.

STRIKE IN LANCASHIRE THREATENED.**SERIOUS LABOUR STOPPAGE PROBABLE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Another serious labour stoppage is probable on January 1, the date on which the Lancashire Master Cotton Weavers have announced for the introduction of the "More Loams per Weaver" system.

The Central Committee of the Weavers' Association (an organization of the operatives) at a meeting to-day decided to withdraw labour from all mills where the system is introduced, while the workers in all other mills will cease work in sympathy.

CHINA LOAN FLOTATION.**SIXTY MILLION MEX. IN TREASURY BONDS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 30.

With the object of meeting the huge decrease in revenue which is expected in consequence of the abolition of *likin*, the National Government is floating on January 1 Mex. \$60,000,000 worth of Treasury Bonds, bearing interest at 8.4 per cent. and to be redeemed within six and a half years.

The Bonds will be secured on the new Cigarette Excise Duty, and the issue price will be 95.

SPEED ON LAND AND IN THE AIR.**MAJOR CAMPBELL READY FOR TEST.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.

In the last few days mechanics have made a trial assembly of the car in which Captain Malcolm Campbell will attack at Daytona Beach the speed record made by the late Sir Henry Segrave.

The 12-cylinder 1,400 horse-power engine, although twice as powerful as an express railway engine, is only five feet long and three feet wide.

Designed originally for the Gleser Napier seaplane in the Schneider Trophy race, the special permission of the Air Ministry has been obtained for its use.

A series of experiments on stream lining, carried out by models in a wind tunnel, preceded the construction of the chassis and body, and resistance has been reduced to a minimum.

Captain Campbell hopes to reach a speed of more than four miles per minute.

Schneider Trophy Race.

The Royal Aero Club to-day received from the Royal Aero Club of Italy official confirmation of the entry of three seaplanes for the Schneider Trophy Race. This represents a challenge to Great Britain as the holder, and renders certain a contest in British waters next September.

The Italian entries were accompanied, as required by the regulations, by a deposit of 600 francs for each competing seaplane, and a bankers' guarantee for 6,000,000 francs.

No other entries had been received up to this evening. According to the recent agreement between the various National Aero Clubs, the time-limit for entries expires at midnight on December 31.

EAST BRISTOL BYE-ELECTION.**SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS LABOUR NOMINEE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROCHEY, Dec. 30.

The writ for the East Bristol bye-election was issued to-day and polling has been fixed for January 19.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Solicitor General, is the Labour candidate, and Mr. Edward Baker will contest the seat in the Liberal interest.

It is not known whether the Conservatives will enter a candidate.

The bye-election is caused by the death of Mr. W. J. Baker, the Labour member, who had a majority of 11,621 in the General Election over the Liberal candidate.

POLITICAL RIOT IN COLOMBIA.**EIGHT KILLED AND ELEVEN INJURED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BOGOTA (Colombia), Dec. 30.

Eight were killed and 11 wounded as the result of a political riot in Capitanajo, in the province of Santander.

Federal troops have been sent to the scene.

BRITAIN'S COAL CRISIS RENEWED.**OWNERS AND MINERS FAIL TO AGREE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Coal-owners and miners in South Wales failed to agree at Cardiff to-day upon the terms for the extension of the temporary agreement for the "spread-over" of hours, which expires to-morrow.

Stoppage Inevitable.

A stoppage in the New Year is inevitable, failing a last minute change in the position.

The Secretary of the South Wales branch of the Miners' Federation, Mr. Richards, said that the breakdown occurred after a discussion lasting two hours, when the owners "paid no regard to legality or humanity."

Mr. Gibson, the Secretary of the coal-owners' organisation, said:—"The men failed to accept our terms."

He added that the terms would be posted at the pitheads as soon as possible.

Vital Conference at Cardiff.

The action likely to be taken by the miners will depend upon a delegate conference which is being held at Cardiff this afternoon.

Coal Board's Recommendation.

Simultaneously, the Report of the National Coal Board on the South Wales dispute was issued in London to-day. It appreciates that in temporary "spread-over" arrangements entered into by the miners on November 29 had the effect of reducing the earnings of the workers. The South Wales Miners' Federation proposed a redistribution of hours, namely, seven and three-quarter hours for five days and six and a quarter hours on Saturdays. The Report says that such a redistribution would only be possible by an agreement between the parties, for the Coal Mines Act prohibits more than 7½ hours work daily.

The Board, therefore, recommends a maximum of 7 hours 40 minutes work daily for five days, and seven hours on Saturday, and seven hours on Saturday, establishing the principle of twelve working days, including both Saturdays in a 90-hour fortnight.

Owners' Terms.

The temporary agreement which the owners desired to continue during January lays down a system whereby the workers are employed for eight hours daily for five days and seven hours on Saturday in the first week and on the second Saturday making a total of a 87-hour fortnight instead of the 90 hours allowed to the "spread-over" system under the Act.

It appears that the South Wales miners' leader favoured the acceptance of the terms recommended by the National Board, but the coal-owners refused to recognise them, contending that a redistribution of hours was impossible unless accompanied by a reduction in wages.

The delegates' conference of the South Wales miners held a long meeting this afternoon.

In the evening it was announced that the men had decided to reject the new terms of the owners, which will now be posted at the collieries to-morrow.

No Agency to Prevent Stoppage.

At this juncture, there seems no agency for the prevention of a stoppage in the South Wales coal-field.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

N. Staffs Compromise.

In North Staffordshire, as well as South Wales, the manner of working the "spread-over" is being discussed between the miners and the owners. Both sides are referring the matter to the National Coal Board, and in the meantime work will continue on a day-to-day contract basis.

Crisis in the Ruhr.

The negotiations between the coal-owners and miners in the Ruhr coal industry on the question of wages have broken down.

The owners threaten to post notices of dismissal over the whole coalfield on January 15, but Government intervention is expected.

"BILL" TILDEN AS A FILM STAR.**RETIREMENT FROM AMATEUR TENNIS TOURNAMENTS.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

The famous tennis player Tilden has announced that he has retired from amateur tournaments, because he has decided to appear in the films.

Tilden will be engaged in making tennis films.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW GUINEA.**ACCOMPANIED BY HIGH TIDAL WAVE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Dec. 31.

According to a radio message from the steamer Duris an alarming earthquake shock was felt throughout the western islands of New Guinea on the 24th inst., accompanied by an 8-foot tidal wave.

Cattle and a number of houses at Awin were washed out to sea. A European and a number of natives escaped by climbing palm trees.

FUNERAL OF LORD MELCHETT.**AGE-LONG CEREMONY AT MAUSOLEUM.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Several Government Departments, also Mr. Lloyd George, were represented at the funeral of Lord Melchett, which was carried out according to Jewish rites in an improvised synagogue erected in front of the family mausoleum, set amid tall pine trees. Here the coffin, in which Lord Melchett's head rested on a piece of Palestinian soil, lay while the Minister of the West London (Reform) Synagogue recited age-old Hebrew prayers.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the coffin was placed in the tomb, which rests on a pedestal of violet marble.

The Hon. Henry Mond, the new Baron, recited the mourners' prayers, and finally came the ancient Kaddish, to which the mourners uttered responses.

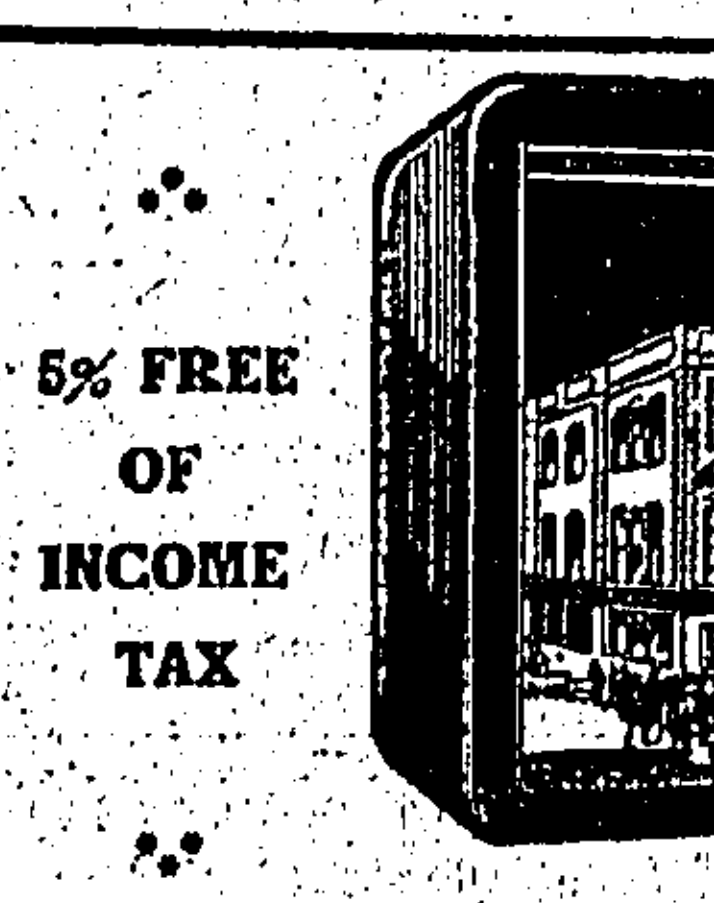
The Zionist Executive has received messages of sympathy from centres as distant as Colombia and China.

LORD MELCHETT'S SUCCESSOR.**SIR HARRY MCGOWAN MENTIONED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The *Star* says that Sir Harry McGowan will succeed the late Lord Melchett as Chairman of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. [Sir Harry Duncan McGowan, who was born at Glasgow on June 3, 1874, is President and Deputy Chairman of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Deputy Chairman of The Finance Co. of Great Britain and America, Ltd., Deputy Chairman of African Explosives and Industries, Ltd., Director of Canadian Industries, Ltd., of the Midland Bank, and of the General Motors Corporation of New York, as well as Advisory Director of the Overseas Bank, Ltd.]

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Sports News

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S BIG MATCH AT SOOKUNPOO.

SERVICES PLAY REST OF THE COLONY.

Teams representing the United Services and the Rest of the Colony will meet on the Sookunpoo ground to-day in a charity football match, the proceeds to go to the Ministering Children's League (Naval and Military branches). Admission prices to the stands are 50 cents and 30 cents.

It is hoped that supporters of charity will turn out in large numbers to watch the match, which should provide a keen struggle between two representative sides.

The match will start at 3.30 p.m., and the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The South Wales Borderers will play on the ground for half an hour before the start and during the interval.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin will have charge of the game, with Bombr. Brown and P.O. Wright as line-men. The following are the probable teams:—

Services: Marine, Clucas (H.M.S. Berkeley), L. Tel. Divon, A. B. Robertson, A. B. Magee and L. Sto. Skinner (H.M.S. Midway); A. B. Peacock (H.M.S. Suffolk); P. Henderson, Col. Hay, Pte. Yeoman and L/Cpl. Campbell (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders) and Cpl. Atkin (R.A.F.).

The Rest: Clarke, Martin and Li Tin Sang; Hedley, Oram and Lam Yuk Ying; B. Gosano, Segalon, A. V. Gosano, Fung King Cheong and Sabhan.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER WIN FOR TARANTULA.

Following their win over H.M.S. Clucas, earlier in the week, the Tarantula added two more points to their total when they met and defeated the Shameen Sports Club by the narrow margin of one goal to nil on Monday.

The Sports Club kicked off but the sailors soon got possession of the leather, and breaking through after play had only been in progress for a few minutes, they scored through Mannering. From this stage onwards, the civilians played with much vigour but were not able to find the net.

The sailors also had a spell of attacking but the Club defence was playing very well and let nothing through.

The whole of the second half saw the Club pressing hard but their shooting was weak, and consequently many opportunities were thrown away and the final whistle went with the sailors winning by the only goal scored in the match.

Mr. T. G. Stokes of Hong Kong was the referee, and the teams were:—

Shameen S.C.—A. T. Lay, W. Nogaitik, E. Stirling, R. W. Ashby, B. Brind, R. Rasmussen, C. S. Archer, T. Seegalken, W. Gibbons, F. Reimera, H. Geary-Gardner.

H. M. S. Tarantula.—Bergshaw, Perkins, Leeds, Evans, Webb, Talbot; Lieut. Cobb, Connor, Tubb, Mannering, Allen.

The League Table.

The positions of the teams, up-to-date, are:—

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moorehen	7	4	1	2	12	9	9
Tarantula	5	3	1	1	8	6	7
Moth	5	3	1	1	12	9	7
Cicals	5	2	0	3	6	4	4
Shameen S.C.	2	1	2	5	12	4	4
Seamew	4	0	3	1	6	7	3

INTERPORT RUGBY.

TRIAL TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

On Saturday at 4.15 p.m. a Club Interport Trial will be held. This is the first and only trial to take place and form shown in this game will have a direct bearing on the composition of the Club Interport XV. With the aid of several Service players, the following are the teams:

Club Colours.—Back: J. P. Williams, three-quarters: G. P. Lammer, B. H. Griffiths, E. R. Allers and G. R. More; halves: M. W. Turner and J. W. King; forwards: D. L. Milne Day, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, E. R. West, F. R. Burch, E. B. Gammell, J. A. E. Kendrew and B. P. Massey.

Colours.—Back: R. J. Grieco; three-quarters: Lieut. Galletley (S.W.B.), Lieut. Hamilton (S.W.B.), G. A. L. Plummer; forwards: J. G. Hartley, E. F. Butters, A. R. Cox, W. F. Kerr, Capt. McKeller (Argyll's), Surg. Lieut. Nicholson (Navy), L. Corbett (S.W.B.), and Sergt. Yowles (S.W.B.). Referee: Dr. J. B. McElroy.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUES.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Clubs in the Southern Section (Division III.) of the English League are not engaged in any football matches to-day. A few matches will be played in the other divisions with the greater number of the Northern teams taking part. The Scottish League teams have a full programme.

The following are the fixtures:—

Division I.	
Blackburn	v. Manchester C.
Bolton	v. Liverpool.
Manchester U.	v. Leeds U.
Oldham	v. Grimsby.
Sheff. Wed.	v. Aston Villa.
Sheff. Wed.	v. Huddersfield.

Division II.	
Barnsley	v. Plymouth.
Exeter	v. Bury.
Oldham	v. Reading.

Division III. (Northern).	
Accrington	v. Rochdale.
Barnsley	v. Crewe.
Carlisle	v. Doncaster.
Chesterfield	v. Tranmere.
Darlington	v. Lincoln.
Gateshead	v. York.
Hartlepool	v. Wigan.
New Brighton	v. Stockport.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Aberdeen	v. Dundee.
Clyde	v. Partick.
East Fife	v. Cowdenbeath.
Falkirk	v. Airdrie.
Hamilton	v. Motherwell.
Hibernians	v. Hearts.
Kilmarnock	v. St. Mirren.
Morton	v. Leith.
Queen's Park	v. Ayr.
Rangers	v. Celtic.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT.

END OF SERIES TO-DAY.

The H.K.C.C. v. Navy match will commence to-day at 10.30 a.m. and will continue on Saturday afternoon. The Club team will be as follows:—

T. E. Pearce (captain), H. Owen Hughes, G. R. Sayer, A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, E. J. B. Mitchell, E. R. Duckitt, H. J. Armstrong, G. P. Lammer, Jr., and A. N. Other.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-DAY.

9.30 a.m.	T. Low and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.24 "	J. E. Richardson and J. Forbes.
9.28 "	W. A. Cornell and W. A. Butterfield.
9.39 "	A. O. Brown and W. R. Vallance.
9.39 "	A. Leach and W. O. Shields.
9.40 "	K. K. Rounds and C. M. Roberts.
9.44 "	A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis.
9.48 "	J. H. Hinton and V. R. Gordon.
9.52 "	I. H. Geare and Comdr. Friday.
9.55 "	D. L. Humphreys and W. Clark.
10.00 "	H. T. Buxton and D. E. Ellis.
10.04 "	A. Ritchie and W. S. Robb.
10.08 "	E. P. Fletcher and E. D. Matthews.

MIXED BOGEY COMPETITION RESULT.

The result of the Mixed Bogey Competition, played on the New Course, Fanling, from December 24 to 28, was:—

Mrs. Cassidy and F. A. Redmond, 1 down win.

LOCAL RUGGER.

WIN FOR CLUB "A" FIFTEEN.

In a tame and uninteresting game on the Club ground last evening, the Club "A" entertained H.M.S. "B" and Small Ship "A" in a friendly match. They won by three tries (6 points) to one (3 points). The game was dull throughout, neither side playing with very much understanding.

CRICKETERS-AND PRINCES.

UPHOLDERS OF THE RANJI TRADITION.

Hobbs and Sutcliffe, who are England's first-wicket batsmen for the Indian tour, arranged for instructional purposes with the Maharajah Kumar's cricket team, have been making excellent scores in Indian matches.

Many of the English residents in India are delighting in seeing first-class cricket, again, and our English batsmen will play in about ten matches before returning home in January.

The Maharajah Kumar of Vizianagaram is a keen cricketer, who has gathered together a fine team for this series of matches; he gave a banquet recently in Benares for his visitors, and with his wife attended a Court at Buckingham Palace when he was in England in 1929.

Pataudi of Oxford.

When he was playing for Oxford in 1929 the young Nawab of Pataudi waxed enthusiastic over India's cricket possibilities and standards; he said how they were encouraged and enthused by visits to their country of well-known first-class English cricketers, and he emphasised how he would encourage Indian cricket on his return to his estate near Delhi.

The Jam Sahib of Nawanganar-Ranjitsingh, to all cricketers, earned fame, even among our finest players, by his skill as an all-round cricketer; his famous leg-glance proved his exceptionally quick eye, and he rapidly became celebrated as one of the finest bats in the world.

"Duleep" of Cambridge.

His nephew, Dulcipsingh, has distinguished himself in British cricket, playing with enormous success for Oxford and England.

As his uncle says, he still has a lot to learn, but in spite of that he proved himself the hero of the Test match last June.

The M.C.C. always enjoy excellent sport when they visit India, where the conditions are eminently suitable and rain does not often hold up play.

All the same, "Ranji" says there is no finer ground in the world than Lord's.

NEW TEST MATCH GROUNDS?

SPECIAL M.C.C. COMMITTEE'S TOUR OF INSPECTION.

County cricket grounds in England are to be surveyed and graded officially by a special committee of three appointed by the M.C.C.

The Rev. H. R. N. Ellison, of Derbyshire, Mr. W. H. Patterson, of Kent, and Lieut. Colonel D. C. Robinson, the former Gloucestershire captain, will form the committee. They will tour England next spring, visiting county cricket grounds and inspecting spectators' accommodation, pavilions, and dressing-rooms.

The object of the committee is to investigate and suggest remedies for some of the conditions with which the Australian team were dissatisfied at Test matches during their visit last summer.

The report which the committee will present at the end of their tour, will be largely responsible for deciding where Test matches are played in the future.

GOLF CLUB DRINKS AFTER HOURS.

SECRETARY FINED.

Major William Bertram Horburgh, secretary of the Sunning Golf Club, was fined £30 at Wokingham for permitting the supply of intoxicating liquor outside permitted hours.

It was stated that two constables saw a barman pour out what appeared to be whisky or brandies and take them into another room. The defence was that the drink was served to members of the staff and not to members of the club.

Notice of appeal was given. At the same court Jack Pomeroy, steward of the Berke, Bucks, and Oxon Aero Club, Woodley, was fined £30 for a similar offence.

A sergeant and a constable, looking through a window at 10.35 p.m. on October 18, saw Pomeroy, serving whisky over the counter, for which he received money. Colonel F. O. Barker (the president) said he hoped the constables would convince clubs that they must obey the licensing laws. They could not expect preferential treatment.

ARRESTS IN ITALY.

ANTI-FASCIST PLOTS.

Rome.—As a result of three separate raids, 28 people have been arrested by the political police for alleged anti-Fascist activities.

Those arrested include:—

Signora Lillina Yernon de Bosis, an American, who is the widow of the poet, Adolph de Bosis, the Italian translator of Shelley; Dr. Benzo Rendi, Rome correspondent of an American newspaper; Signor Vinciguerra, a former Liberal journalist and translator of several English books.

Dr. Rendi has since been released, but the others are being sent for trial by three separate military tribunals.

The British United Press states that those arrested were members of three separate groups.

The first group was that headed by Signora de Bosis, who maintained a literary salon where, it is alleged, anti-Fascists gathered. She was formerly Miss Bernon, of Boston. The second group was a group of 24 intellectuals, some of whom are prominent persons, who are accused of plotting against the State, and of preaching violence.

The third group consisted of Communists.

Printing Press Under Bed.

The de Bosis group is accused of printing and issuing every fortnight an anti-Fascist publication entitled "National Alliance for Liberty." A printing press is said to have been found under a bed in Signora de Bosis's house, and it is stated that she did not deny the accusation, saying, "I am not a sheep and this is my work."

Signora de Bosis is now in hospital in the women's prison in Rome.

RUGGER DISPUTE IN FRANCE.

PLAYERS PROTEST AGAINST OCHAMPSHIP METHODS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, Dec. 30.

A dispute which has been agitating French Rugby since 12 of the premier clubs resigned from the National Federation to mark their protest against French championship methods, and in an attempt to secure the adoption of "British traditions," has come to a head with the approaching international match with Ireland to be played on New Year's Day.

Three members of the French team as selected are required, if they decide to play, to barter their club membership for international caps as their clubs are among those who have seceded from the Federation.

Majorus, an old international, has flouted the Federation, by remaining staunch to the Stade Français, one of the leaders in the "rebellion."

The new hooker, Porra, however, who has a length been chosen to represent France, has apparently been unable to resist the temptation and has agreed to resign from the Lyons club and to join an affiliated club.

The decision of the third member is not yet known.

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By special resolution it was carried over to the present session and is now before the select committee, in order that objections by traders, who will be displaced by the demolition schemes involved, can be heard.

Semi-circular Road.

The Hon. Evan Charteris said that sometimes as much as 13 minutes was lost by traffic in getting through at the Elephant.

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Mr. Edward Henry Tabor, assistant engineer of the L.C.C., said there would be a widening of New Kent-road, and a rounding off where it joined the Walworth-road, and a widening of Walworth-road thence towards Camberwell.

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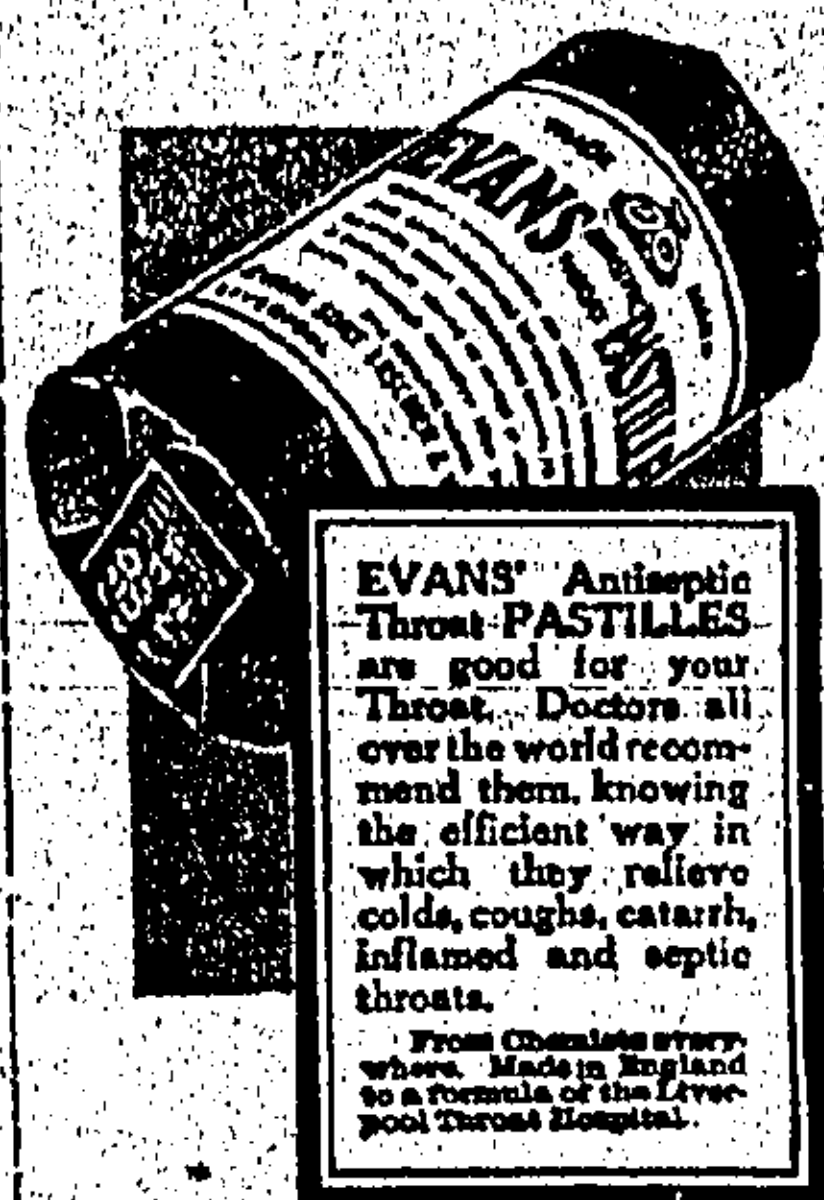
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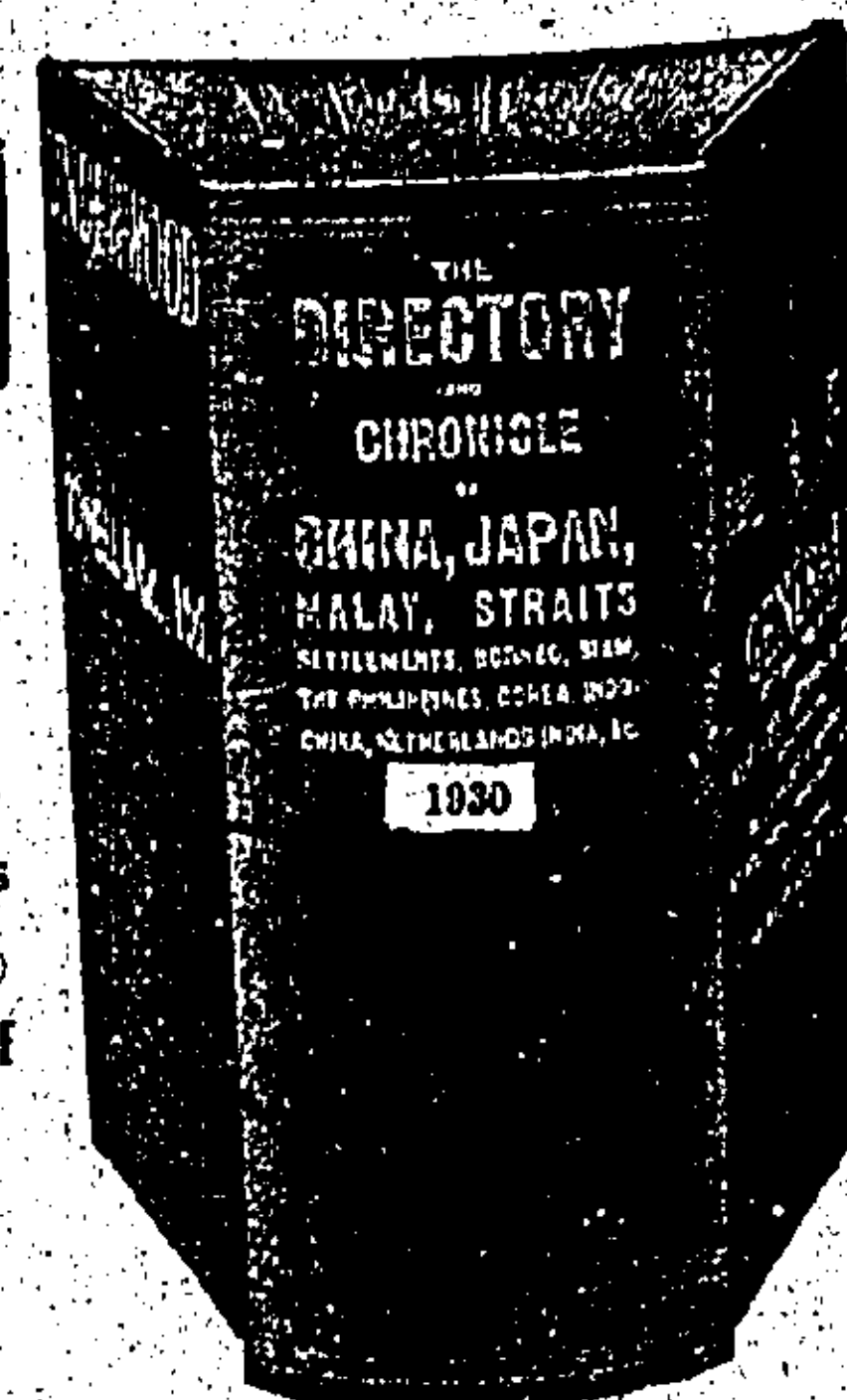
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FLOGGING IN
BRITAIN.Surer Ground Than
Sentiment.

The danger of weakening the case against flogging by exaggeration was emphasised recently by Mr. George Benson, M.P., who some time ago introduced a bill against corporal punishment, when he presided at a luncheon of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

After describing the method of flogging in our prisons, Mr. Benson said that during the last forty or fifty years an enormous improvement had taken place. The medical officers of prisons had done their best, and had succeeded in doing away with a large amount of the appalling brutality that at one time accompanied flogging, but a great deal remained to be done. "No one must imagine that flogging was a mild punishment. The fact that the doctors thought it necessary to introduce so many safeguards was proof enough of its severity. The doctors had been trying to humanise what was inhuman."

"Our case against flogging," he said, "does not rest on the mere revision of sentiment against the infliction of pain, but on some-thing far surer and safer. First of all on the fact that the increasing humanity of our penal code has invariably produced good results; and, secondly, that we have not one shred of evidence that flogging is either necessary or effective as a deterrent."

"England is now virtually the only civilised country that retains flogging as a punishment for crime," said Mr. Philip Morrell. "Continental nations are without it, and only two unimportant States in the United States of America have retained it. I refuse to believe," he said, "that English nature is so bad that it is impossible to run this country without this barbarous punishment. In my judgment the case against flogging is that it is barbarous—one of the most ancient forms of torture, cruel, degrading, and unnecessary. It is almost worse for these administering it than for the victims."

Mr. Benson explained that there were only five crimes for which flogging was permitted. These were robbery with violence, procuration, living on the immoral earnings of a woman, violence to a warder, and killing a horse without a knacker's licence. It was true that there had been an extraordinary decrease in the number of crimes with violence since the passing of the Flogging Act, but as a similar decrease was seen in Scotland where flogging was not permitted, it seemed that the decrease in these crimes was due to other causes.

IN THE SERVICE OF
MAHARAJAH.DETECTIVES FOIL TWO
"ARRANT ROGUES."

The attempt by confidence tricksters to swindle a member of the suits of a Maharajah who is attending the Indian Round Table Conference, was further gone into recently at Bow-street.

There were two prisoners—Charles Wolfe (55) and his son, Jack Kaufman Wolfe.

As the Maharajah expects to be going shortly to Paris and wants the prosecutor (Mr. Pauly) to accompany him, counsel said that if the case went to the Old Bailey Mr. Pauly would be unable to give evidence. The conspiracy charge was, therefore, withdrawn and the men were charged as suspected persons.

Counsel said that the Wolfes explained to Mr. Pauly at his hotel in the Strand that they had just come from New Zealand, where they had been sheep farming. They produced "bundles" of bills of exchange which were quite worthless. They invited him to lunch with them next day.

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Fortunately detectives were already "shadowing" the men, and at the lunch they overheard the two men remark to one another, "You leave him to me," and "Stick to him." During the lunch both men made inquiries as to the name of the prosecutor's bank.

When paying the bill they produced handfuls of notes, as though they had more money than they knew what to do with.

Then the father mentioned that he was going to Scotland, and had the impudence to ask the prosecutor if he would look after his son while he was away.

Shortly afterwards the son was arrested.

of a wallet which contained tissue paper cut to the size of bank notes and imitation American 1,000 dollar notes.

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DYING DOCTOR'S
DIARY.RECORD OF POISON
SYMPTOMS.

Before he died, Dr. H. T. Hands, of Brighton, wrote in his diary a description of his sensations after having swallowed a slow poison.

Between entries, while waiting for death, he saw two patients and also spoke to his wife.

Dr. Hands was 63. He had been in practice at Brighton for about ten years. Previously, he had given up his practice in Caledonian Road, London, N., because of ill-health.

Extracts from the diary and from a letter to his wife were read at the inquest at Brighton recently. Dr. Hands was found dead in his surgery at Ship Street, Brighton.

Three bottles, each marked "Poison," were on the mantelpiece.

Entries, apparently written in the diary after the doctor had taken the first dose of poison, were:

"I have taken" (here he mentioned two drugs) "both nice, except tingling."

"Waiting. Feeling very happy. First time ever felt without worry, if free. I am getting tired. It is a long time; so long. Japs are right. Death is lovely. I feel fine. No pain."

"I feel sleepy. Pulse still good, and feel fit. Have my vein opened. May find myself alive in the coffin. Terrible thought."

"I await each manifestation. All this can be published. I believe now in a just God; not in man's laws. Very comfortable. 'P.S.—God seems to be over me. Just leaving for a lovely voyage, but it is slow. First time without worry. Money is nothing. It is not wickedness.'"

Another entry was as follows:

"11.0" (here other drugs were mentioned). "I feel quite well. Just getting dazed slightly, but quite happy. Surely I cannot live on. I am comfortable and feel lovely. Must take prussic. Pulse good."

"11.35 a.m.—Have just given inos. for asthma. Have not passed away. Surely cannot live on. Dosage is rot. Took no breakfast. Just shows how useless by stomach are all drugs, all gland, and other preparations."

"Pulse running well, feel fine. When will it all be over? No prussic."

These were the last words.

To his wife Dr. Hands left a letter in which he wrote:

"It is all over. I am hopelessly in debt."</

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SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUBIOHOW"	On 9th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KAYING"	On 11th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANTUNG"	On 12th Jan.	Noon
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 15th Jan.	Noon
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	Time	Barometer	Barometer	Thermometer	Thermometer	Wind	Wind	Wind	Wind	Wind	Time	Barometer	Barometer	Thermometer	Thermometer	Wind	Wind	Wind	Wind	Wind
		Inches	Millibars	Fahrenheit	Celsius	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction			Inches	Millibars	Fahrenheit	Celsius	Direction	Force	Direction	Force
Wladivostok	12	30.46	779.7	10	...	NNE	2	b	6	...	30.68	779.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	11	29.96	761.0	...	...	NW	4	...	...	...	30.27	767.5	...	...	...	VNW	4	...	...	...
Hakodate	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	N	3	...	...	...	30.82	770.0	...	...	...	N	2	...	...	...
Tokio	...	30.08	763.5	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	30.39	772.0	...	...	...	N	0	...	...	...
Kochi	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNW	2	...	...	...	30.39	772.0	...	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	30.38	770.5	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	30.34	770.5	...	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	30.28	769.0	...	...	NW	2	...	...	...	30.28	768.5	...	...	...	N	1	...	...	...
Oshima	...	30.24	768.0	...	...	N	2	...	...	...	30.24	768.0	...	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...
Naha	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	30.20	767.0	...	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.20	767.0	...	...	NE	3	...	...	...	30.16	766.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pomni Island	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...	30.00	767.3	...	...	...	S	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	30.60	777.2	28	...	NE	2	b	6	...	30.46	773.6	48	...	...	E	2	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	30.46	775.3	45	...	NE	4	...	...	...	30.47	773.9	46	...	...	ENE	6	...	...	...
Gutzlaff	...	30.47	773.9	46	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wenchow	...	30.38	771.1	96	...	NE	2	...	...	...	30.27	769.8	56	...	...	E	2	...	...	...
Foochow	...	30.14	765.5	67	...	SE	2	b	6	...	30.17	766.8	53	...	...	E	8	...	...	...
Amoy	...	30.12	765.0	64	...	ESE	4	...	...	...	30.14	766.8	53	...	...	NE	4	...	...	...
Swatow	...	30.28	769.2	65	...	E	2	...	...	...	30.21	767.4	59	...	...	E	0	...	...	...
Taihou	11	30.18	766.6	72	...	NNW	2	b	...	...	30.17	766.4	59	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	...
Taihu	...	30.16	766.0	74	...	N	2	b	...	...	30.13	766.3	59	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	...
Tsushima	...	30.18	766.4	76	...	NE	6	...	...	...	30.10	764.6	70	...	...	NNE	6	...	...	...
Isobaru	...	30.20	767.2	67	...	NNE	6	...	...	...	30.16	765.0	65	...	...	E	5	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	30.12	765.0	65	...	E	4	...	...	...	30.18	765.8	63	...	...	E	5	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	30.12	765.0	65	...	E	4	...	...	...	30.16	765.0	63	...	...	ENE	5	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	30.13	765.6	68	...	NE	5	...	...	...	30.16	765.0	63	...	...	ESE	2	...	...	...
Macao	...	30.09	764.4	70	...	SE	4	...	...	...	30.09	764.3	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	30.05	763.2	73	...	E	8	...	...	...	30.11	764.8	72	...	...	NE	6	...	...	...
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Paulina	15	30.05	763.9	74	...	ESE	2	...	...	...	30.01	762.3	74	...	...	ENE	4	...	...	...
Tonran	...	29.98	761.4	74	...	NNW	4	...	...	...	29.93	760.3	74	...	...	ENE	4	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.96	759.4	79	...	ENE	6	...	...	...	30.07	763.7	74	...	...	ENE	4	...	...	...
Basco	14	30.00	762.1	76	...	NE	4	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	74	...	...	ENE	4	...	...	...
Apurri	...	29.96	760.9	79	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	29.99	761.8	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.90	759.4	85	...	...	0	...	...	...	29.95	760.6	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.87	758.6	91	...	E	4	...	...	...	29.92	760.8	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.87	758.8	86	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	29.94	760.4	79	...	...	N	4	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.85	758.3	86	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	29.95	760.6	76	...	...	N	4	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.85	758.2	86	...	N	2	...	...	...	29.98	760.3	77	...	...	NW	2	...	...	...
Taloban	...	29.80	758.4	88	...	E	3	...	...	...	29.93	760.2	78	...	...	NNE	4	...	...	...
Boho	...	29.84	757.9	86	...	NE	4	...	...	...	29.91	759.6	77	...	...	N	2	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.84	757.9	86	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	29.89	759.3	76	...	...	E	4	...	...	...
Sarigao	...	29.83	757.3	85	...	N	4	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	77	...	...	E	4	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.76	755.3	...	...	N	4	...	...	...	29.79	756.6	79	...	...	NNW	2	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.78	756.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	29.84	757.9	76	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	...
Pelaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.90	766.9	88	...	W	...	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

December 31st. 10h. 15m.—The anticyclone is now central to the north of Korea. Strong to fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 1930 1.96 inches, against an average of 83.14 inches.

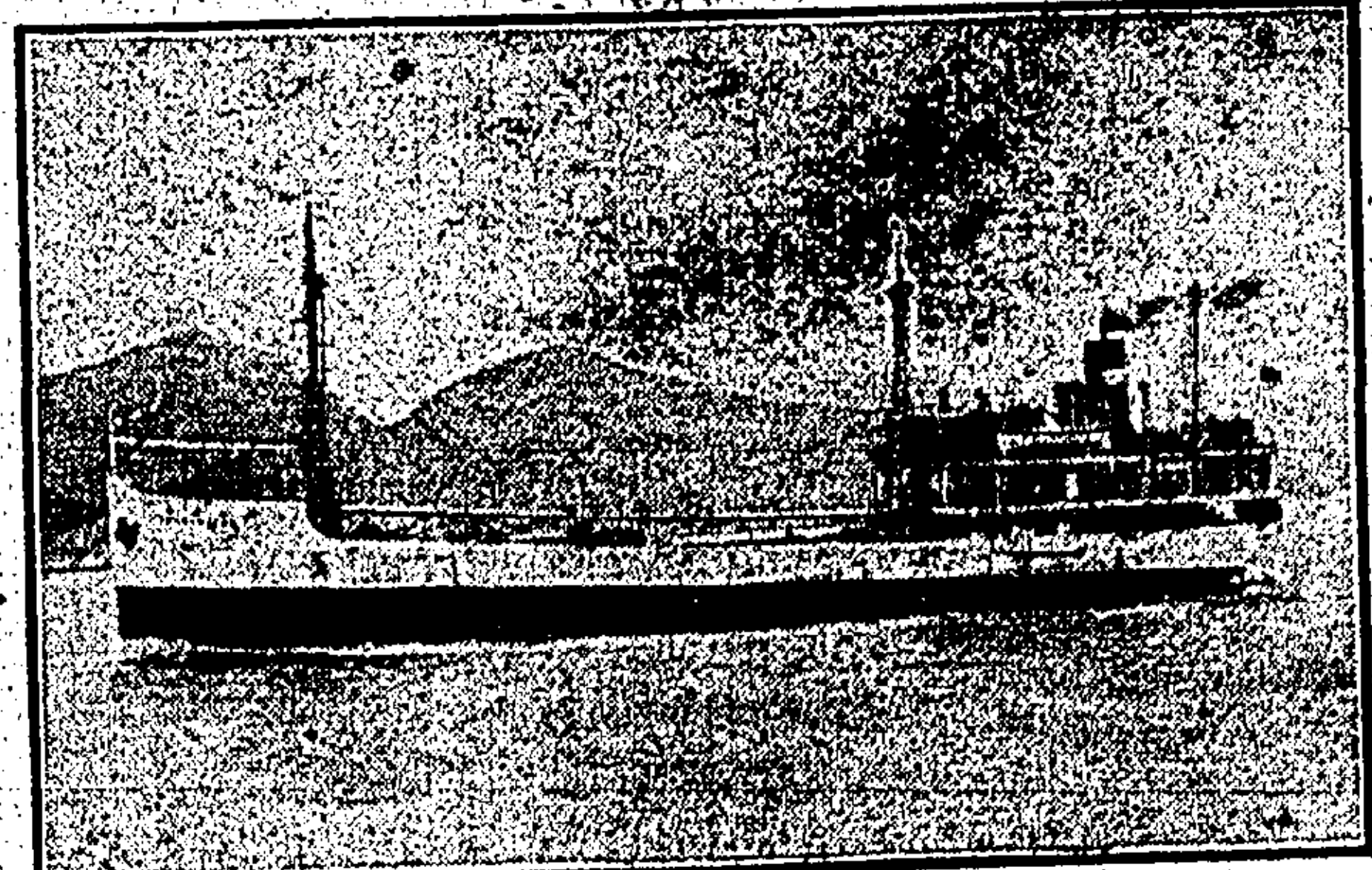
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2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamooka }
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